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APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR PHASE II OF THE EDUCATION FUND UNDER THE STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Purpose of Program

The State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF or Stabilization) program provides approximately $48.6 billion in formula grants to States to help stabilize State and local budgets in order to minimize and avoid reductions in education and other essential services, in exchange for a State's commitment to advance essential education reform in key areas. Almost $36.8 billion have already been awarded during SFSF Phase I. Approximately $11.5 billion will be awarded under SFSF Phase II (through this application).

Program and Application Background

Section 14005(d) of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) requires a State receiving funds under the Stabilization program to provide assurances in four key areas of education reform: (a) achieving equity in teacher distribution, (b) improving collection and use of data, (c) standards and assessments, and (d) supporting struggling schools. For each area of reform, the ARRA prescribes specific action(s) that the State must assure that it will implement. In addition, section 14005(a) of the ARRA requires a State that receives funds under the Stabilization program to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) containing such information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

As part of its application for Phase II funding under the Stabilization program, a State must demonstrate its ability to meet specific data and information requirements (the assurance indicators and descriptors) with respect to the statutory assurances. In addition, in cases where a State is not currently able to meet the specific data and information requirements, a State must submit a State plan to describe how it will respond to the requirements of each assurance indicator and descriptor. Together, these two sets of requirements aim to provide transparency on the extent to which a State is implementing the actions for which it has provided assurances.

Increased access to and focus on this information will better enable States and other stakeholders to identify strengths and weaknesses in education systems and determine where concentrated reform effort is warranted. The Department will also use the data and information that States collect and report in assessing whether a State is qualified to participate in and receive funds under other reform-oriented programs administered by the Department.

An assurance indicator or descriptor may relate to data or other information that States currently collect and report to the Department, or to data or other information for which the Department is itself the source. In those cases, there are no new data or information collection requirements for a State; rather, the Department will provide the State with the relevant data or other information that the State will be required to confirm and make publicly available. In the other cases, requirements constitute new data or information collection and/or public reporting responsibilities for the State, to the extent the State does not currently collect and publicly report such data or information for other purposes.

The Department recognizes that requests for data and information should reflect an integrated and coordinated approach among the various programs supported with ARRA funds, particularly the SFSF, Race to the Top, School Improvement, and Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems grant programs. Accordingly, the Department has taken into consideration the context of those other programs in developing the requirements for SFSF Phase II.

Background Information on Assurances

Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution

Regarding education reform area (a), achieving equity in teacher distribution, section 14005(d)(2) of the ARRA requires a State receiving funds under the Stabilization program to assure that it will take actions to improve teacher effectiveness and comply with section 1111(b)(8)(C) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) (20 U.S.C. 6311), in order to address inequities in the distribution of highly qualified teachers between high- and low-poverty schools and to ensure that low-income and minority children are not taught at higher rates than other children by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers. A State must collect and publicly report data and other information on the extent to which students in high- and low-poverty schools in the State have access to highly qualified teachers; on steps the State is currently taking to ensure that students from low-income families and minority students are not taught at higher rates than other students by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers; on how teacher and principal performance is evaluated and how the results of those evaluations are used for decisions regarding compensation, promotion, retention, and removal; and on the distribution of performance evaluation ratings or levels among teachers and principals.

Improving Collection and Use of Data

Regarding education reform area (b), improving collection and use of data, section 14005(d)(3) of the ARRA requires a State receiving funds under the Stabilization program to provide an assurance that it will establish a statewide longitudinal data system that includes the elements described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871). To provide indicators of the extent to which a State is meeting that requirement, the State must provide information on the elements of its statewide longitudinal data system and on whether the State provides teachers with: (1) data on student growth in a manner that is timely and informs instructional programs, and (2) reports of teacher impact on student achievement.

Standards and Assessments

Regarding education reform area (c), standards and assessments, section 14005(d)(4) of the ARRA requires a State receiving funds under the Stabilization program to assure that it will: (A) enhance the quality of the academic assessments it administers pursuant to section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 6311) through activities such as those described in section 6112(a) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7301a); (B) comply with the requirements of paragraphs (3)(C)(ix) and (6) of section 1111(b) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 6311) and section 612(a)(16) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1412) related to the inclusion of children with disabilities and limited English proficient students in State assessments, the development of valid and

reliable assessments for those students, and the provision of accommodations that enable their participation in State assessments; and (C) take steps to improve State academic content standards and student academic achievement standards for secondary schools consistent with section 6401(e)(1)(A)(ii) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871). To provide indicators of the extent to which a State is taking these actions, the State must collect and publicly report data and other information regarding State assessment systems, including the assessment of students with disabilities and limited English proficient students, the public reporting of State National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) data, and data on the number of students who graduate from high school, enroll in an Institute of Higher Education (IHE) (whether public or private, in-state or out-of-state), and complete at least one year of coursework (towards a degree) within two years of enrollment in a public in-state IHE.

As States prepare to significantly improve the rigor and effectiveness of their standards and assessment systems, this information will, in general, provide stakeholders with vital transparency on the current status of those systems and on the efforts to improve them that are currently underway.

Supporting Struggling Schools

Regarding education reform area (d), supporting struggling schools, section 14005(d)(5) of the ARRA requires a State receiving funds under the Stabilization program to provide an assurance that it will ensure compliance with the requirements of section 1116(b)(7)(C)(iv) and section 1116(b)(8)(B) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 6316) with respect to Title I schools identified for corrective action and restructuring. In order to provide indicators of the extent to which a State is implementing the statutory assurance, the State must provide data on the extent to which dramatic reforms to improve student academic achievement are implemented in Title I schools in improvement under section 1116(b)(1)(A) of the ESEA, in corrective action, or in restructuring and secondary schools that are Title I eligible, but not receiving funds. Additionally, a State must provide data on the operation and performance of its charter schools.

Requirements for Phase I Funding

Earlier this year, States applied to receive their initial allocation under the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (Stabilization) program. States with approved applications were awarded at least 67 percent of their Education Fund allocation and all of their Government Services Fund Allocation. Governors submitted assurances that their State would commit to advancing education reform in the four assurance areas, and confirmed baseline data for purposes of demonstrating the State's current status in each of the four education reform areas for which the State provided assurances, or submitted alternative baseline data. In addition, to receive SFSF Phase I funds, States provided maintenance of effort (MOE) information (see Part 2 of this application for more information), including an assurance that the State would comply with the Stabilization program MOE requirements (or, if applicable, an assurance that the State met or would meet the eligibility criterion for a waiver of those requirements), as well as MOE baseline data.[1] States were also required to describe how they intended to use the funds allocated under (1) the Education Stabilization Fund and (2) the Government Services Fund, in addition to submitting accountability, transparency and reporting assurances.

[1] Guidance on the Maintenance of Effort Requirements for SFSF and MOE Waiver Form are available at http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/statutory/moe-guidance.pdf.

About the Application for Phase II Funding

States requesting the remainder of their State Fiscal Stabilization Fund monies—in most cases, the remaining 33 percent of the Education Fund allocation[2]—must complete and submit the application contained in this packet in its entirety. To receive funding, applications will need to meet standards of both completeness and quality. The Department will employ a two-tier review process to evaluate State applications. The first review will verify that a State submitted a complete Phase II application. The second review will judge the application against the approval criteria identified in the NFR to assess the quality of the plan.

The Department is taking steps to ensure that the process for awarding SFSF Phase II funds is transparent. Immediately upon the Department's receipt of a State application, the application will be made available for public viewing on the Department's web site at http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/index.html. The final approved version of a state application will also be posted on the Department's web site in addition to any revisions subsequent to an approved application. In addition to facilitating transparency, the Department's public sharing of applications will allow members of the public to learn about the availability of data and information related to the four assurance areas in each state. Also, such a level of transparency provides an additional layer of accountability for States.

Data Collection

This application asks States to answer questions about 37 separate items: indicators (of which there are 34) and descriptors (of which there are three). The Department is, as a general rule, *not asking States to submit the actual data* that respond to these indicators and descriptors; rather, the Department wants to know how States will respond to the requirements of the indicators and descriptors and make the data and information accessible to the public. Specifically, for assurances (a), (c), and (d) (with the exception of, in some cases, indicators (c)(11) and (c)(12)), the application requests a response as to whether or not States are collecting and publicly reporting the data or information via a State website for each indicator and descriptor. If the State is not currently collecting and/or publicly reporting the data for a particular indicator or descriptor, the Department also is requesting the State's plan for doing so as soon as possible, but no later than September 30, 2011. In the case of indicators (c)(11) and (c)(12), if a State will develop, but not implement, the capacity to collect and publicly report the data, the State plan need only address the development of capacity, and not implementation and public reporting for the relevant indicator (s). For indicators (b)(1) and (b)(2), a State must specify whether or not the State collects the information, and if not, what its plans and timelines are for developing and implementing the capacity to do so as soon as possible, but no later than September 30, 2011. For indicator (b)(3), a State must specify whether or not the State collects the information, and, if not, what its plan and timeline are for developing and implementing the capacity to implement this requirement.

[2] If a State's FY 2009 shortfall exceeded 67 percent of the Education Fund allocation, they could request an amount equal to the needed restoration amount, up to 90 percent of the State's total Education Fund allocation.

Public Reporting on a State Website

For the purposes of this program, indicator and descriptor data are largely intended for public use, rather than for Federal reporting. Individual States and communities have the greatest power to hold their schools accountable for the reforms that are in the best interest of their students. Rather than the Department collecting and warehousing this information, it is the intention that State Education Agencies (SEAs) and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will make the information available to the public in a manner that is useful for stakeholders to understand key information about education in each state and community.

As such, the Department believes that the most effective and expeditious way for States to share information with the public is via the internet. For the purposes of this program, *publicly report* means that the data or information required for an indicator or descriptor are made available to anyone with access to an Internet connection without having to submit a request to the entity that maintains the data and information in order to access that data and information. Therefore, States are required to maintain a public website that provides the data and information that are responsive to the indicator and descriptor requirements. If a State does not currently provide the required data or information, it must provide on this website its plan with respect to the indicator or descriptor and its reports on its progress in implementing that plan.

The URLs (i.e., website addresses) where the data and information are available should be provided where requested in Part 3A of the application. URLs should link to the actual page where the data are available, rather than the main page of the website. Websites where the required data and information are available should show the last date on which the data and information were updated. For example, the URL should not link to the main page for an SEA or Governor's office. For further information on public reporting and website submission, please refer to SFSF Phase II guidance.

Preparing the Application

The Department strongly recommends that States involve parents, educators, content experts, policy makers, technical advisors, teachers' union(s), business, community, and civil rights leaders, and other community stakeholders when preparing the application. While such involvement is not a requirement for approval of State applications, the Department believes that stakeholder input and expertise will help States develop stronger applications and more successful implementation strategies.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

To receive the remaining portion of a State's allocation under Education Fund of the Stabilization program, a Governor must submit to the Department an application that provides the following information:

- A completed application cover sheet that includes the signature of the Governor or authorized representative *(Part 1 of the Application)*.
- A complete updated and/or reaffirmation of Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) data *(Part 2A of the Application)*.
- An attestation that the State has met all MOE requirements for FY 2009 that includes the signature of the Governor or authorized representative, or acknowledgement of inability to meet MOE requirements *(Part 2B of the Application)*.
- The State's status with regard to collection, public reporting and other information related to the indictors and descriptors in the following education reform assurance areas:

    (a) achieving equity in teacher distribution;
    (b) improving collection and use of data;
    (c) standards and assessments; and
    (d) supporting struggling schools *(Part 3A of the Application)*.

- A completed State plan that describes how the applicant will collect and publicly report the data and information related to the assurance indicators and descriptors *(Part 3B of the Application)*.
- Complete responses to the questions in the General Requirements section *(Part 3C of the Application)*.

STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND PHASE II APPLICATION

PART 1: APPLICATION COVER SHEET

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information and data in this application are true and correct.

Governor or Authorized Representative of the Governor (Printed Name):	Telephone:
Governor Mark Parkinson	785-296-3232
Signature of Governor or Authorized Representative of the Governor: X [signature]	Date: March 23, 2010

Recommended Statement of Support from the Chief State School Officer *(Optional)*:
The State educational agency will cooperate with the Governor in the implementation of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund program.

Chief State School Officer (Printed Name):	Telephone:
Dr. Diane M. DeBacker, Interim Kansas Commissioner of Education	785-296-3202
Signature of the Chief State School Officer: X [signature]	Date: 3/22/2010

PART 2: MAINTENANCE-OF-EFFORT INFORMATION

In the SFSF Phase I Application, States were required to submit the following in order to receive the first portion of funds:

- A *Maintenance-of-Effort Assurance* (Part 4, Section A) of maintaining State support for elementary and secondary education and for public institutions of higher education (IHEs) at least at the level of such support in FY 2006 for FYs 2009, 2010, and 2011.
- A *Maintenance-of-Effort Waiver Assurance* (Part 4, Section B). In the event that a State anticipated being unable to comply with one or more of the Stabilization program MOE requirements referenced in the Maintenance-of-Effort Assurance, the State would provide an assurance that it met the eligibility criteria for a MOE waiver.[3]
- A *Maintenance-of-Effort Baseline Data* form.

In order to complete this Phase II Application, States must reaffirm and/or update the MOE baseline data referenced above as requested in Phase I. Part 2A of this application, *Update of Maintenance-of-Effort Data*, asks that a State reaffirm or update the baseline data provided in Phase I (Maintenance-of-Effort Baseline Data), including actual levels of support for FY 2009.

In Part 2B, a Governor or Authorized Representative of the Governor must provide an attestation that the State has met the MOE requirements as was assured in Phase I. If a State cannot meet the MOE requirements, it must submit a Waiver of MOE Requirements or note that it has submitted one already.

Additional information on the MOE requirements can be found in Appendix D—*Instructions for Part 2, Maintenance-Of-Effort*.

[3] Guidance on the Maintenance of Effort Requirements for SFSF and MOE Waiver Form are available at http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/statutory/moe-guidance.pdf.

PART 2A: UPDATE OF MAINTENANCE-OF-EFFORT DATA

SPECIAL NOTES:

- In the SFSF Phase I Application, States were required to submit MOE data. The Department is requesting that States reaffirm these data for Phase II, and in particular, to update FY 2009 data to actual levels of State support.
- *For further information, see* Appendix D – Instructions for Part 2: Maintenance of Effort.

1. **Levels of State support for elementary and secondary education** *(the amounts may reflect the levels of State support on either an aggregate basis or a per-student basis):*

FY 2006	$1,875,390,680
FY 2009	$2,179,730,652
FY 2010*	$1,875,390,680
FY 2011*	$1,875,390,680

(* Provide data to the extent that data are currently available.)

2. **Levels of State support for public institutions of higher education** *(enter amounts for each year)*:

FY 2006	$747,064,138
FY 2009	$805,400,000
FY 2010*	$747,064,138
FY 2011*	$747,064,138

(* Provide data to the extent that data are currently available.)

3. **Additional Submission Requirements**: In an attachment to the application –

(a) Identify and describe the data sources used in determining the levels of State support for elementary and secondary education; - and -

(b) Identify and describe the data sources used in determining the levels of State support for public IHEs.

PART 2B: ATTESTATION OF MAINTENANCE-OF-EFFORT COMPLIANCE

The Governor or his/her authorized representative attests to the following:

To the best of his/her knowledge and based on the best available data, the State has met all maintenance-of-effort requirements for the State Fiscal Stabilization Program for FY 2009 (check all that apply):

☒ for elementary and secondary education.

☒ for public Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs).

Governor or Authorized Representative of the Governor (Printed Name): Governor Mark Parkinson	
Signature:	Date: Mar 23, 2010

If a State has not met or cannot meet MOE for either elementary and secondary education or public IHEs, or both, it must complete the following:

The State has not met all maintenance-of-effort requirements for the State Fiscal Stabilization Program for FY 2009 and

(check one):

☐ has already submitted a MOE Waiver Request to the US Department of Education.

☐ is submitting a MOE Waiver Request with this application package.

PART 3: DATA COLLECTION, PUBLIC REPORTING, AND PLANNING

Requirements

The State plan must describe the State's current ability to collect the data or other information needed for the assurance indicators and descriptors as well as the State's current ability to publicly report (as defined in the Notice of Final Requirements, included here as Appendix E) the data. If the State is currently able to fully collect and publicly report the required data or other information, the State must provide a URL where the most recent data or information may be accessed. If a State is not currently able to collect or publicly report the data or other information, the plan must describe the State's process and timeline for developing and implementing the means to do so as soon as possible but no later than September 30, 2011. These requirements apply to the assurance indicators and descriptors in the following education reform assurance areas: (a) Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution, (c) Standards and Assessments (with the exception, in many cases, of Indicators (c)(11) and (c)(12)), and (d) Supporting Struggling Schools. Sections related to these assurances are located in sections I, III, and IV of Part 3A and Section I of Part 3B in the application.

In the event that a State will develop, but not implement, the ability to fully collect and publicly report the data for Indicator(s) (c)(11) and/or (c)(12), its plan need not meet the requirements of Section I of Part 3B. Rather, a State should complete a plan that meets the requirements of Section V of Part 3B for the relevant indicator(s). If a State will be able to both develop and implement collection and public reporting of either of these indicators, the plan requirements of Section I of Part 3B will apply to the relevant indicator(s).

Regarding education reform assurance area (b) Improving Collection and Use of Data, the State must describe in the State plan whether the State's data system includes the required elements of a statewide longitudinal data system and whether the State provides teachers with their students' growth data and information related to individual teacher impact. If the State does not meet the requirement, the State plan must describe the State's process and timeline for developing and implementing the means to meet the requirement in accordance with the requirements in the notice. Sections related to this assurance are Section II of Part 3A and Sections II, III, and IV of Part 3B.

The data or information needed for an assurance indicator or descriptor are in some cases already reported to the Department by the State, or are provided by the Department. In those cases, it is understood that the State does and is currently able to collect the data or information. For those elements, the State's plan only needs to address the State's ability to publicly report the data or information, and the State does not need to include a plan for collecting the data or information in Part 3B. The indicators and descriptors involving data or information currently reported to the Department or provided by the Department are marked below with a Confirm icon (see Icon Key below). Sections requiring States to confirm data or information already reported to the Department contain specific links to the appropriate Department webpage. The overall webpage housing all information for indicators requiring confirmation is http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/confirm-indicators.html.

Some elements in this application are of a cross-cutting nature, sharing indicators and/or definitions with another Recovery Act initiative, Race to the Top. These elements are marked by a Cross-Cutting icon with the recovery.gov logo and the Race to the Top logo (see Icon Key below). It is the Department's hope that marking these cross-cutting elements will facilitate consistency and improve the ease of completing the application for the Race to the Top program.

Icon Key

Confirm Icons

Cross-Cutting Icon

Numbering of Fields

Applicants may notice small numbers to the left of checkboxes and text fields in Part 3A. These numbers do not have any significance in terms of point values or codes. Rather, they are designed to be used by both applicants and Department staff alike as a convenient reference point when referring to a particular part of the application.

Overview of Part 3

Part 3A, *Indicators and Descriptors under the Assurances*, is designed to collect short answers about the State's current status with respect to each indicator and descriptor. If you are using the macro-enabled[4] MS Word version of this form, you will be able to check boxes and type your answers directly into the form. If you wish to attach narrative answers in a separate document, you may do so, but be sure to clearly note in the relevant text box that the response is attached and mark the attachment with the citation of the indicator or descriptor to which you are responding.

[4] To enable macros in Microsoft Word, select Save As (if you are using the 2007 version, Save As is under the round icon in the top left hand corner; in older versions, Save As is under the File menu) and from the Save File as Type menu, select Word Macro-Enabled Document.

Part 3B is the *State Plan* section. For those indicators and descriptors for which the State is not currently collecting and/or publicly reporting the requested data and information in such a way that addresses the program requirements, you must provide a plan for doing so in Part 3B. If, based on your answer, you are directed to address the element in Part 3B, write the element reference in the Plan Element Verification chart in Part 3B to keep a running list of the items you will need to address in your State Plan. Directions for which elements must be addressed in the State Plan are embedded into each indicator and descriptor boxes below. Part 3B contains five subsections. The subsections provide separate instructions for the plan elements that must be included for:

I. Assurances (a), (c) (with the exception of Indicators (c)(11) and (c)(12)), and (d);
II. Indicator (b)(1);
III. Indicator (b)(2);
IV. Indicator (b)(3); and,
V. If applicable, Indicators (c)(11) and (c)(12) (Section V).

PART 3A: ASSURANCE INDICATORS AND DESCRIPTORS

Instructions

For each indicator and descriptor, please follow the specific directions in the boxes below. There are two basic types of elements: indicators and descriptors.

- An **indicator** requests a discrete response (e.g., a yes/no answer or short answer) about whether a State is collecting or publicly reporting certain information, as well as where the information can be found. Indicators that involve data already submitted by States to the Department through preexisting collections will only need to be confirmed. The Department will ask States to confirm whether or not these data are accurate and to verify public reporting of them. States need not submit the actual data for each indicator; rather, the data should be reported directly to the public per the application instructions.
- A **descriptor** asks about information which could be provided in a narrative response (e.g., about the development of a type of assessment or teacher evaluation system) about the progress or development of system elements. The Department of Education also asks whether information requested in descriptors is publicly reported. As with the indicators, States do not have to submit the actual descriptor information to the Department. Rather, the State must publicly report the information per the application instructions.

I. Assurance (a): Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution

A State must collect and publicly report data and other information on: (1) the extent that students in high- and low-poverty schools in the State have access to highly qualified teachers; (2) the extent that current strategies and efforts to address inequities in the distribution of inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers; (3) how teacher and principal performance is evaluated and how performance ratings are used; and (4) the distribution of performance evaluation ratings or levels among teachers and principals.

Indicator (a)(1)	**Confirm, for the State, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of core academic courses taught, in the highest-poverty and lowest-poverty schools, by teachers who are highly qualified consistent with section 9101(23) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA).**

Please respond (Yes or No): Are the data related to this indicator at http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/indicator-a1.xls correct?

[1] ☒ Yes, the data are correct.

[2] ☐ No, the data are not correct.

If checked, provide below or in an attachment the correct data and any supporting information. A URL linking to the correct data on the State's website is also sufficient:[3] Click here to enter text.

Please respond (check only one):

[4] ☒ The State makes the data *publicly available* and updates the data *annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the data are provided by the State to the public:[5] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (a)(1)

[6] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website but updates it *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
Provide the State website where the most recently updated data are provided by the State to the public: [7] Click here to enter text.

[8] ☐ The State does not make the data publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating the data annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (a)(2)	**Confirm whether the State's Teacher Equity Plan (as part of the State's Highly Qualified Teacher Plan) fully reflects the steps the State is currently taking to ensure that students from low-income families and minority students are not taught at higher rates than other students by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers (as required in section 1111(b)(8)(C) of the ESEA).**

Please respond (Yes or No): Is the State's Teacher Equity Plan located at http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherqual/hqtplans/index.html correct?

[1] ☒ Yes, the information is correct.

[2] ☐ No, the information is not correct.

→ If checked, provide below or in an attachment the State's most updated Teacher Equity Plan. A URL linking to the correct data on the State's website is also sufficient:[3] Click here to enter text.

Please respond (check only one):

[4] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the information *annually* on a website.

→ Provide the State website where the information is provided by the State to the public:[5] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (a)(2)

[6] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website but updates it *less than annually*.

→ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 2B. Cite "Indicator (a)(2)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

→ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:[7] Click here to enter text.

[8] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

→ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating the information annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(2)" in the Plan Element Verification chart in Part 4B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Descriptor (a)(1)	**Describe, for each local educational agency (LEA) in the State, the systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers and the use of results from those systems in decisions regarding teacher development, compensation, promotion, retention, and removal.**

Please respond (check Yes or No): Does the State collect a description of the system each LEA uses to evaluate the performance of teachers?

[1] ☐ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the information *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[3] Click here to enter text.

[4] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (a)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information are provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (a)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☒ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (a)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Please respond (check Yes or No): Does the State collect a description of the manner in which each LEA uses the results of the evaluation systems described above related to the performance of teachers in decisions regarding teacher development, compensation, promotion, retention, and removal?

[8] ☐ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[9] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the information *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[10] Click here to enter text.

[11] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (a)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information are provided by the State to the public:
[12] Click here to enter text.

[13] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (a)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[14] ☒ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (a)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (a)(3)	**Indicate, for each LEA in the State, whether the systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers include student achievement outcomes or student growth data as an evaluation criterion.**

Please respond (check Yes or No): Does the State request information on whether the system each LEA uses to evaluate the performance of teachers includes student achievement outcomes or student growth data as an evaluation criterion?

[1] ☐ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the information *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[3] Click here to enter text.

[4] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(3)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(3)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☒ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(3)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (a)(4)	**Provide, for each LEA in the State whose teachers receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of teachers rated at each performance rating or level.**

Please respond (check Yes or No): Does the State collect, for each LEA in the State whose teachers receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, the number and percentage of teachers rated at each performance rating or level?

[1] ☐ Yes, the State collects these data.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* and updates the data *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[3] Click here to enter text.

[4] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website and updates the data *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating the data annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(4)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated data are provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the data publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating the data annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(4)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☒ No, the State does not collect these data.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating the data annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(4)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (a)(5)	**Indicate, for each LEA in the State whose teachers receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, whether the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of teachers rated at each performance rating or level are publicly reported for each school in the LEA.**

Please respond (check Yes or No): Does the State collect, for each LEA in the State whose teachers receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of teachers rated at each performance rating or level?

[1] ☐ Yes, the State collects these data.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* and updates the data *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[3] Click here to enter text.

[4] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website and updates the data *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating the data annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(5)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column. Provide the State website where the most recently updated data are provided by the State to the public: [5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the data publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating the data annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(5)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☒ No, the State does not collect these data.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating the data annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(5)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Descriptor (a)(2)	Describe, for each LEA in the State, the systems used to evaluate the performance of principals and the use of results from those systems in decisions regarding principal development, compensation, promotion, retention, and removal.

Please respond (check Yes or No): Does the State collect a description of the system each LEA uses to evaluate the performance of principals?

[1] ☐ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates it *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[3] Click here to enter text.

[4] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (a)(2)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (a)(2)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☒ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (a)(2)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Please respond (check Yes or No): Does the State collect a description of the manner in which each LEA uses the results of the evaluation systems described above related to the performance of principals in decisions regarding principal development, compensation, promotion, retention, and removal?

[8] ☐ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[9] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the information *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[10] Click here to enter text.

[11] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (a)(2)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information are provided by the State to the public:
[12] Click here to enter text.

[13] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (a)(2)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[14] ☒ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (a)(2)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (a)(6)	**Indicate, for each LEA in the State, whether the systems used to evaluate the performance of principals include student achievement outcomes or student growth data as an evaluation criterion.**

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect information on whether the system each LEA uses to evaluate the performance of principals includes student achievement outcomes or student growth data as an evaluation criterion?

[1] ☐ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates it *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[3] Click here to enter text.

[4] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website and updates it *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(6)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(6)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☒ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(6)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (a)(7)	Provide, for each LEA in the State whose principals receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of principals rated at each performance rating or level.

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect and publicly report, for each LEA in the State whose principals receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, the number and percentage of principals rated at each performance rating or level?

[1] ☐ Yes, the State collects these data.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* and updates the data *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[3] Click here to enter text.

[4] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website and updates the data *less than annually.*

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating the data annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(7)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated data are provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the data publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating the data annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(7)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☒ No, the State does not collect these data.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating the data annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (a)(7)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

II. Assurance (b): Improving Collection and Use of Data

A State must collect and publicly report information on the elements of its statewide longitudinal data system, on whether teachers receive data on student growth in a manner that is timely and informs instructional programs, and on whether the State provides teachers with reports of individual teacher impact on student achievement.

Indicator (b)(1)	**Indicate which of the 12 elements described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system.**

Instructions: Please indicate which of the 12 elements of the America COMPETES Act are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system.

Please respond (check Yes or No): For pre-K through postsecondary education, does the State's statewide longitudinal data system include the following elements:

(1) A unique statewide student identifier that does not permit a student to be individually identified by users of the system?

☒ Yes.
☐ No. Provide a plan for including this element in your statewide longitudinal data system in Part 3B. Cite #1 in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section II.

(2) Student-level enrollment, demographic, and program participation information?

☒ Yes.
☐ No. Provide a plan for including this element in your statewide longitudinal data system in Part 3B. Cite #2 in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section II.

(3) Student-level information about the points at which students exit, transfer in, transfer out, drop out, or complete pre-K through postsecondary education programs?

☒ Yes.
☐ No. Provide a plan for including this element in your statewide longitudinal data system in Part 3B. Cite #3 in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section II.

4) The capacity to communicate with higher education data systems?

☒ Yes.
☐ No. Provide a plan for including this element in your statewide longitudinal data system in Part 3B. Cite #4 in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section II.

(5) An audit system assessing data quality, validity, and reliability?

☒ Yes.
☐ No. Provide a plan for including this element in your statewide longitudinal data system in Part 3B. Cite #5 in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section II.

Please respond (check Yes or No): For pre-K through grade 12 education, does the State's statewide longitudinal data system include the following elements:

(6) Yearly State assessment records of individual students?

☒ Yes.
☐ No. Provide a plan for including this element in your statewide longitudinal data system in Part 3B. Cite #6 in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section II.

(7) Information on students not tested, by grade and subject?

☒ Yes.
☐ No. Provide a plan for including this element in your statewide longitudinal data system in Part 3B. Cite #7 in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section II.

(8) A teacher identifier system with the ability to match teachers to students?

☐ Yes.
☒ No. Provide a plan for including this element in your statewide longitudinal data system in Part 3B. Cite #8 in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section II.

(9) Student-level transcript information, including on courses completed and grades earned?

☐ Yes.
☒ No. Provide a plan for including this element in your statewide longitudinal data system in Part 3B. Cite #9 in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section II.

(10) Student-level college readiness test scores?

☒ Yes.
☐ No. Provide a plan for including this element in your statewide longitudinal data system in Part 3B. Cite #10 in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section II.

Please respond (check Yes or No): For postsecondary education, does the State's statewide longitudinal data system include the following elements:

(11) Information regarding the extent to which students transition successfully from secondary school to postsecondary education, including whether students enroll in remedial coursework?

☐ Yes.
☒ No. Provide a plan for including this element in your statewide longitudinal data system in Part 3B. Cite #11 in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section II.

(12) Other information determined necessary to address alignment and adequate preparation for success in postsecondary education?

☐ Yes.
☒ No. Provide a plan for including this element in your statewide longitudinal data system in Part 3B. Cite #12 in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section II.

Indicator (b)(2)	**Indicate whether the State provides student growth data on their current students and the students they taught in the previous year to, at a minimum, teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects in a manner that is timely and informs instructional programs.**

Please respond (check Yes or No): Does the State provide student growth data on their current students and the students they taught the previous year to, at a minimum, teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects, in a manner that is timely and informs instructional programs?

☒ Yes. You are not required to provide further information. In Part 3B, Section III, check "Not Applicable."

☐ No. Provide a plan for providing this information to teachers in Part 3B, Section III.

Indicator (b)(3)	**Indicate whether the State provides teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects with reports of individual teacher impact on student achievement on those assessments.**

Please respond (check Yes or No): Does the State provide teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects with reports of individual teacher impact on student achievement on those assessments?

☒ Yes. You are not required to provide further information. In Part 3B, Section IV, check "Not Applicable."

☐ No. Provide a plan for providing this information to teachers in Part 3B, Section IV.

III. Assurance (c): Standards and Assessments

A State must collect and publicly report data and other information on whether students are provided high-quality State assessments; whether students with disabilities and limited English proficient students are included in State assessment systems; whether the State makes information available regarding student academic performance in the State compared to the academic performance of students in other States; and on the extent to which students graduate from high school in four years with a regular high school diploma and continue on to pursue a college education.

Indicator (c)(1)	**Confirm the approval status, as determined by the Department, of the State's assessment system under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA with respect to reading/language arts, mathematics, and science assessments.**

Please respond (check one): Is the status of the Department's approval, available at http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/indicator-c1.xls correct?

[1] ☒ Yes, the status is correct.

→ [2] ☐ No, the status is not correct. If checked, provide below or in an attachment the correct information and any other supporting information. A URL linking to the correct data on the State's website is also sufficient: [3] Click here to enter text.

Please respond (check one):

[4] ☒ The State makes the status information *publicly available* and keeps it *up-to-date* on a website.

→ Provide the State website where the status is provided by the State to the public:[5] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4160

[6] ☐ The State makes the status information *publicly available* on a website but *does not keep it up-to-date*.

→ If checked, provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
→ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public: [7] Click here to enter text.

[8] ☐ The State does not make the status information publicly available on a website.

→ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite

"Indicator (c)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

Indicator (c)(2)	**Confirm whether the State has developed and implemented valid and reliable alternate assessments for students with disabilities that are approved by the Department.**

Please respond (Yes or No): Is the information related to this indicator, available at http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/indicator-c1.xls, correct?

[1] ☒ Yes, the status is correct.

➔ [2] ☐ No, the status is not correct. If checked, provide below or in an attachment the correct information and any other supporting information. A URL linking to the correct data on the State's website is also sufficient: [3] Click here to enter text.

Please respond (check one):

[4] ☒ The State makes the status information *publicly available* and keeps it *up-to-date* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the status is provided by the State to the public:[5] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2351 and http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4160

[6] ☐ The State makes the status information *publicly available* on a website and *does not keep it up-to-date*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the status publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(2)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[7] Click here to enter text.

[8] ☐ The State does not make the status information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the status publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(2)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

Indicator (c)(3)	**Confirm whether the State's alternate assessments for students with disabilities, if approved by the Department, are based on grade-level, modified, or alternate academic achievement standards.**

Please respond (check one): Is the information related to this indicator, available at http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/indicator-c1.xls, correct?

[1] ☒ Yes, the information is correct.

[2] ☐ No, the information is not correct.

➔ If checked, provide below or in an attachment the correct information and any other supporting information. A URL linking to the correct data on the State's website is also sufficient: [3] Click here to enter text.

Please respond (check one):

[4] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and keeps it *up-to-date* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[5] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2351 and http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4160

[6] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website but *does not keep it up-to-date*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(3)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[7] Click here to enter text.

[8] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(3)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

Indicator (c)(4)	**Indicate whether the State has completed, within the last two years, an analysis of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the accommodations it provides students with disabilities to ensure their meaningful participation in State assessments.**

Please respond (check one): Has the State, within the last two years, completed an analysis of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the accommodations it provides students with disabilities to ensure their meaningful participation in State assessments?

[1] ☒ Yes, this has been completed within the last two years.

[2] ☐ No, this has been completed, but it occurred more than two years ago.

[3] ☐ No, this has never been completed.

Please respond (check one):

[4] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and keeps it *up-to-date* on a website.

→ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[5] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2372 .

[6] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website but *does not keep it up-to-date*.

→ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(4)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
→ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[7] Click here to enter text.

[8] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

→ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(4)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

Indicator (c)(5)	**Confirm the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of students with disabilities who are included in State reading/language arts and mathematics assessments.**

Please respond (check one): Can the State confirm that the number and percentage of students with disabilities who are included in State *reading/language arts* assessments, available at http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/indicator-c5r.xls , are correct?

[1] ☒ Yes, the data are correct.

[2] ☐ No, the data are not correct.

➔ If checked, provide below or in an attachment the correct data and any supporting information. A URL linking to the correct data on the State's website is also sufficient:
[3] Click here to enter text.

Please respond (check one):

[4] ☒ The State makes the data relative to the inclusion of students with disabilities on State assessments in *reading/language arts publicly available* and keeps it *up-to-date* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[5] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 , under indicator (c)(5)

[6] ☐ The State makes the data relative to the inclusion of students with disabilities on State assessments in *reading/language arts publicly available* on a website but *does not keep it up-to-date*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(5)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[7] Click here to enter text.

[8] ☐ The State does not make the data relative to the inclusion of students with disabilities on State assessments in *reading/language arts publicly available* on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(5)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

Please respond (check one): Can the State confirm that the number and percentage of students with disabilities who are included in State *mathematics* assessments, available at http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/indicator-c5m.xls , are correct?

[9]☒ Yes, the data are correct.

[10]☐ No, the data are not correct.

➔ If checked, provide below or in an attachment the correct data and any supporting information. A URL linking to the correct data on the State's website is also sufficient:
[11] Click here to enter text.

Please respond (check one):

[12]☒ The State makes the data relative to the inclusion of students with disabilities on State assessments in *mathematics publicly available* and keeps it *up-to-date* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[13] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 , under indicator (c)(5)

[14]☐ The State makes the data relative to the inclusion of students with disabilities on State assessments in *mathematics publicly available* on a website but *does not keep it up-to-date*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(5)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[15] Click here to enter text.

[16]☐ The State does not make the data relative to the inclusion of students with disabilities on State assessments in *mathematics* publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(5)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

Indicator (c)(6)	**Indicate whether the State has completed, within the last two years, an analysis of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the accommodations it provides limited English proficient students to ensure their meaningful participation in State assessments.**

Please respond (check one): Has the State completed, within the last two years, an analysis of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the accommodations it provides limited English proficient students to ensure their meaningful participation in State assessments?

[1] ☐ Yes, this was completed within the last two years.

[2] ☐ No, this was completed more than two years ago.

[3] ☒ No, this has never been completed.

Please respond (check one):

[4] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and keeps it *up-to-date* on a website.

→ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[5] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 , under indicator (c)(6)

[6] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website but *does not keep it up-to-date*.

→ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(6)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
→ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[7] Click here to enter text.

[8] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

→ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(6)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

Indicator (c)(7)	**Confirm whether the State provides native language versions of State assessments for limited English proficient students that are approved by the Department.**

Please respond (check one): Is the information related to this indicator, available at http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/indicator-c1.xls, correct?

[1] ☒ Yes, the information is correct.

[2] ☐ No, the information is not correct.

➔ If checked, provide below or in an attachment the correct information and any supporting information. A URL linking to the correct data on the State's website is also sufficient:[3]

Please respond (check one): Is the State's current status available on the State's website?

[4] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and keeps it *up-to-date* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[5] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4160

[6] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website but *does not keep it up-to-date*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(7)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[7] Click here to enter text.

[8] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(7)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

Indicator (c)(8)	**Confirm the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of limited English proficient students who are included in State reading/language arts and mathematics assessments.**

Please respond (check one): Can the State confirm that the number and percentage of limited English proficient students who are included in State *reading/language arts* assessments, available at http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/indicator-c8r.xls , are correct?

[1] ☒ Yes, the data are correct.

[2] ☐ No, the data are not correct.

➔ If checked, provide below or in an attachment the correct data and any supporting information. A URL linking to the correct data on the State's website is also sufficient:
[3] Click here to enter text.

Please respond (check one):

[4] ☒ The State makes the data relative to the inclusion of limited English proficient students on State assessments in *reading/language arts publicly available* and keeps it *up-to-date* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[5] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (c)(8).

[6] ☐ The State makes the data relative to the inclusion of limited English proficient students on State assessments in *reading/language arts publicly available* on a website but *does not keep it up-to-date*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(8)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[7] Click here to enter text.

[8] ☐ The State does not make the data relative to the inclusion of limited English proficient students on State assessments in *reading/language arts publicly available* on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(8)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

Please respond (check one): Can the State confirm that the number and percentage of limited English proficient students who are included in State *mathematics* assessments, available at http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/indicator-c8m.xls , are correct?

[9]☒ Yes, the data are correct.

[10]☐ No, the data are not correct.

→ If checked, provide below or in an attachment the correct data and any supporting information. A URL linking to the correct data on the State's website is also sufficient:
[11] Click here to enter text.

Please respond (check one):

[12]☒ The State makes the data relative to the inclusion of limited English proficient students on State assessments in *mathematics publicly available* and keeps it *up-to-date* on a website.

→ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[13] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (c)(8) and http://online.ksde.org/rcard/naep.aspx?org

[14]☐ The State makes the data relative to the inclusion of limited English proficient students on State assessments in *mathematics publicly available* on a website but *does not keep it up-to-date*.

→ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(8)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
→ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[15] Click here to enter text.

[16]☐ The State does not make the data relative to the inclusion of limited English proficient students on State assessments in *mathematics* publicly available on a website.

→ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(8)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

Indicator (c)(9)	**Confirm that the State's annual State Report Card (under section 1111(h)(1) of the ESEA) contains the most recent available State reading and mathematics National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) results as required by 34 CFR 200.11(c).**

Please respond (check one): Does the State Report Card include the most recent available State reading and math National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) results?

☒ Yes, the State Report Card includes this information.

☐ No, the State Report Card does not include this information.

➔ If checked, please provide a plan for including this information on the State Report Card in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(9)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I, and mark the Public Reporting column.

Please supply the following information:

Please attach the State Report Card or provide the URL where the State Report Card is provided to the public:
http://online.ksde.org/rcard/naep.aspx?org

Indicator (c)(10)	**Provide, for the State, for each LEA in the State, for each high school in the State and, at each of these levels, by student subgroup (consistent with section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II) of the ESEA), the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of students who graduate from high school using a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate as required by 34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i).**

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect these data (as defined in Indicator (c)(10))?

[1] ☒ Yes, the State collects these data.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☒ The State makes the data *publicly available* and updates the data *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[3] http://online.ksde.org/rcard/

[4] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website and updates the data *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(10)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the data publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(10)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☐ No, the State does not collect these data.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (c)(10)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Collection and Public Reporting column.

Indicator (c)(11)	**Provide, for the State, for each LEA in the State, for each high school in the State and, at each of these levels, by student subgroup (consistent with section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II) of the ESEA), of the students who graduate from high school consistent with 34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i), the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) who enroll in an institution of higher education (IHE) (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA)) within 16 months of receiving a regular high school diploma.**

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect these data (as defined in Indicator (c)(11))?

[1] ☐ Yes, the State collects these data.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* and updates the data *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[3] Click here to enter text.

[4] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website and updates the data *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Mark the Public Reporting column next to "Indicator (c)(11)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I.
➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the data publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Mark the Public Reporting column next to "Indicator (c)(11)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I.

[7] ☒ No, the State does not collect these data.

If No, please respond (check one):

☐ The State will develop and implement the means to collect and publicly report the data (i.e., the State will collect and publicly report the data) by September 30, 2011.

➔ Provide the State's plan for collecting, making the data publicly available, and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B, Section I. Mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns next to "Indicator (c)(11)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I.

☒ The State will develop but not implement the means to collect and publicly report the data (i.e., the State will not collect and publicly report the data) by September 30, 2011.

➔ Provide the State's plan for developing the means to collect and to publicly report the data (but not the State's implementation of those means) in Part 3B, Section V.

Indicator (c)(12)	**Provide, for the State, for each LEA in the State, for each high school in the State and, at each of these levels, by student subgroup (consistent with section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II) of the ESEA), of the students who graduate from high school consistent with 34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i) who enroll in a public IHE (as defined in section 101(a) of the HEA) in the State within 16 months of receiving a regular high school diploma, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) who complete at least one year's worth of college credit (applicable to a degree) within two years of enrollment in the IHE.**

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect these data (as defined in Indicator (c)(12))?

[1] ☐ Yes, the State collects these data.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* and updates the data *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[3] Click here to enter text.

[4] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website and updates the data *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Mark the Public Reporting column next to "Indicator (c)(12)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I.
➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the data publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Mark the Public Reporting column next to "Indicator (c)(12)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I.

[7] ☒ No, the State does not collect these data.

If No, please respond (check one):

☐ The State will develop and implement the means to collect and publicly report the data (i.e., the State will collect and publicly report the data) by September 30, 2011.

➔ Provide the State's plan for collecting, making the data publicly available, and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B, Section I. Mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns next to "Indicator (c)(12)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I.

☒ The State will develop but not implement the means to collect and publicly report the data (i.e., the State will not collect and publicly report the data) by September 30, 2011.

➔ Provide the State's plan for developing the means to collect and to publicly report the data (but not the State's implementation of those means) in Part 3B, Section V.

IV. Assurance (d): Supporting Struggling Schools

A State must collect and publicly report data and other information on the progress of certain groups of schools in the State on State assessments in reading/language arts and mathematics; on the extent to which reforms to improve student academic achievement are implemented in the persistently lowest-achieving schools in the State; and on the extent to which charter schools are operating in the State.

Indicator (d)(1)	**Provide, for the State, the average statewide school gain in the "all students" category and the average statewide school gain for each student subgroup (as under section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) of the ESEA) on the State assessments in reading/language arts and for the State and for each LEA in the State, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that have made progress (as defined in this notice) on State assessments in reading/language arts in the last year.**

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect these data?

[1] ☒ Yes, the State collects these data.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☒ The State makes the data *publicly available* and updates the data *at least annually* on a website.

→ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[3] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(1)

[4] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website and updates the data *less than annually*.

→ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
→ Provide the State website where the most recently updated data are provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the data publicly available on a website.
→ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☐ No, the State does not collect these data.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (d)(2)	**Provide, for the State, the average statewide school gain in the "all students" category and the average statewide school gain for each student subgroup (as under section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) of the ESEA) on State assessments in mathematics and for the State and for each LEA in the State, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that have made progress on State assessments in mathematics in the last year.**

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect these data?

[1] ☒ Yes, the State collects these data.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☒ The State makes the data *publicly available* and updates the data *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[3] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(2)

[4] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website and updates the data *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(2)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated data are provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the data publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(2)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☐ No, the State does not collect these data.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(2)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Descriptor (d)(1)	Provide the definition of "persistently lowest-achieving schools" (consistent with the requirements for defining this term set forth in the Definitions section of the NFR) that the State uses to identify such schools.

Please respond (check Yes or No): Does the State have a definition of "persistently lowest achieving schools" (consistent with the requirements for defining this term set forth in the Definitions section of the NFR) for the purposes of this indicator?

[1] ☒ Yes, the State has a definition of "persistently lowest achieving schools" for the purposes of this indicator.

➔ Provide the definition here:[2] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(1)

(D)(1) Descriptor: The definition of "persistently lowest achieving schools" that the state uses to identify such schools.

Note: The following definition was submitted to the US Department of Education for approval.

Kansas State Department of Education
Defining Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools

The identification of the "persistently lowest-achieving schools" in Kansas is based on the definition in the US Department of Education's (ED) School Improvement Grants (SIG) Section 1003(g) Final Requirements and Guidance and also Phase II of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) Frequently Asked Questions document.

Tier I Schools
The universe of schools that could be identified as the persistently lowest achieving are the Title I schools that are in improvement, corrective action or restructuring. Since there are only 32 Title I schools on improvement, corrective action or restructuring, five (5) schools rather than 5% will be identified as the persistently lowest achieving based on rank order. Since there are no Title I high schools on improvement, corrective action or restructuring, no additional schools are identified based on having a graduation rate less than 60% over a number of years. The Title I schools on improvement, corrective action or restructuring identified as the persistently lowest achieving are the Tier I schools. Kansas is not identifying any additional schools in any tier through the "newly eligible" process.

Tier II Schools
In addition to the Title I schools on improvement, corrective action or restructuring that are identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools, secondary schools that are eligible for but not receive Title I funds will be identified as the persistently lowest-achieving schools. These are the Tier II schools as defined in the School Improvement Grant Final Requirements. Based on the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 and the ED's interim final School Improvement Requirements, Kansas is seeking the waiver that permits Tier II schools to include not only the persistently lowest-achieving secondary schools that are eligible for and do not receive Title I funds but to also include the lowest-achieving secondary schools

that are eligible for and receive Title I funds. These additional secondary schools are in the lowest quintile regarding academic achievement or have missed AYP for two consecutive years.

Since there are approximately 270 secondary schools that are eligible for Title I funds, only the lowest 5% will be identified as the lowest-achieving schools. Secondary schools refer essentially to high schools which are buildings culminating in grade 12.

Not only will secondary schools be identified as persistently lowest-achieving based on academic achievement but also on graduation rate. Any secondary school that is eligible for Title I funds with a graduation rate of less than 60% over three years will be added to the list of Tier II schools.

Tier III Schools

The Tier III schools are Title I schools that are identified for improvement, corrective action or restructuring that are not included in Tier I or Tier II. There are 27 schools that meet the criteria.

Since Kansas is requesting a waiver to exclude schools from Tier I and Tier II which have less than 30 in the all students category (N-Size), it will include in Tier III any schools that were excluded as a result of that waiver.

Academic Achievement and Lack of Progress

The academic achievement for determining the lowest-achieving schools is based on the percent of students at or above proficient (Meets Standard) on the State reading and mathematics assessments combined. The "All Students" group is the one for which results are calculated. The Single Percentage Method as defined in the School Improvement Guidance is used to calculate academic achievement. The schools are ranked according to the combined percent proficient in reading and mathematics.

Lack of progress on those assessments is based on three years of data. Achievement and progress are treated equally in that no differing weights are assigned. Lack of Progress is determined by calculating the academic achievement for three years and then ranking the schools according to their three year combined percent proficient. The schools with the lowest rankings (1 is lowest) are identified as the persistently lowest achieving.

All forms of the State reading and mathematics assessments are included: regular assessments, assessments with accommodations, Kansas Assessment of Modified Measures (KAMM) and the alternate assessments. The results for all students who participated in the assessments are included; this is referred to as the "report card" data. No students with disabilities were "reclassified;" actual assessment performance level results were used.

Excluded Schools

The only schools that are excluded from consideration are those that meet one or more of the following conditions:

- The school had less than 30 students in the "All Students" category in the most recent assessment administration. Kansas is requesting a waiver to use a "minimum N" of 30 which is the N size in the approved Accountability Workbook. This will prevent very small schools from being identified as persistently lowest achieving based on invalid or unreliable data due to the small number of students on whom that identification is based.

- The school is missing one or more years of data; therefore, lack of progress over three years may not be determined.
- The school's primary purpose is to serve over-age, under-credited students. These students' class has already graduated and they are behind in acquiring credits for graduation.

Posting

The definition and list of persistently lowest-achieving schools are posted on the Kansas State Department of Education's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) website at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3498 and on the Federal Programs Title I School Improvement website at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=405

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[3] ☒ The State has made the definition *publicly available* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the definition is publicly available:[4] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(1)

[5] ☐ The State does not make the definition publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the definition publicly available in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (d)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[6] ☐ No, the State does not have a definition of "persistently lowest achieving schools" for the purposes of this indicator.

➔ Provide the State's plan for developing a definition and making it publicly available on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Descriptor (d)(1)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (d)(3)	**Provide, for the State, the number and identity of the schools that are Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, that are identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools.**	Race to the Top

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect this information?

[1] ☒ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the data *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[3] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(3)

[4] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(3)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(3)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☐ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(3)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (d)(4)	**Provide, for the State, of the persistently lowest-achieving schools that are Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, the number and identity of those schools that have been turned around, restarted, closed, or transformed (as defined in the NFR) in the last year.**

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect this information?

[1] ☒ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the data *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[3] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(4)

[4] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(4)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(4)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☐ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(4)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (d)(5)	**Provide, for the State, the number and identity of the schools that are secondary schools that are eligible for but do not receive, Title I funds, that are identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools.**

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect this information?

[1] ☒ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the data *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[3] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(5)

[4] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(5)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(5)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☐ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(5)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (d)(6)	**Provide, for the State, of the persistently lowest-achieving schools that are secondary schools that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I funds, the number and identity of those schools that have been turned around, restarted, closed, or transformed in the last year.**

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect this information?

[1] ☒ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the data *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[3]
http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(6)

[4] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(6)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(6)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☐ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(6)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (d)(7)	**Provide, for the State and, if applicable, for each LEA in the State, the number of charter schools that are currently permitted to operate under State law.**

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect this information?

[1] ☒ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the data *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[3] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(7).

[4] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(7)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(7)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☐ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(7)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (d)(8)	**Confirm, for the State and for each LEA in the State that operates charter schools, the number of charter schools currently operating.**

Please respond (check one): Is the number of charter schools publicly reported as currently operating for the State and for each LEA at http://www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization/indicator-d8.xls correct?

[1] ☒ Yes, the data are correct.

[2] ☐ No, the data are not correct.

➔ If checked, provide below or in an attachment the correct data and any supporting information. A URL linking to the correct data on the State's website is also sufficient:
[3] Click here to enter text.

Please respond (check one):

[4] ☒ The State makes the data *publicly available* and keeps it *up-to-date* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the data are collected and publicly available:[5] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=449#sfsf .

[6] ☐ The State makes the data *publicly available* on a website but *does not keep it up-to-date*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(8)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:
[7] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3819.

[8] ☐ The State does not make the data publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the data publicly available and up-to-date on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(8)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

Indicator (d)(9)	**Provide, for the State and for each LEA in the State that operates charter schools, the number and percentage of charter schools that have made progress on State assessments in reading/language arts in the last year.**

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect this information?

[1] ☒ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the information *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[3]
http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=449#sfsf

[4] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(9)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(9)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☐ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(9)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (d)(10)	**Provide, for the State and for each LEA in the State that operates charter schools, the number and percentage of charter schools that have made progress on State assessments in mathematics in the last year.**

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect this information?

[1] ☒ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the information *at least annually* on a website.

Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[3] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=449#sfsf

[4] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

- ➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(10)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
- ➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:
  [5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

- ➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(10)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☐ No, the State does not collect this information.

- ➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(10)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (d)(11)	**Provide, for the State and for each LEA in the State that operates charter schools, the number and identity of charter schools that have closed (including schools that were not reauthorized to operate) within each of the last five years.**

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect this information?

[1] ☒ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the information *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[3] http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(11)

[4] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(11)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(11)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☐ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(11)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

Indicator (d)(12)	Indicate, for each charter school that has closed (including a school that was not reauthorized to operate) within each of the last five years, whether the closure of the school was for financial, enrollment, academic, or other reasons.

Please respond (check one): Does the State collect this information?

[1] ☒ Yes, the State collects this information.

If Yes, please respond (check one):

[2] ☒ The State makes the information *publicly available* and updates the information *at least annually* on a website.

➔ Provide the State website where the information is collected and publicly available:[3]
http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(12)

[4] ☐ The State makes the information *publicly available* on a website and updates the information *less than annually*.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(12)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.
➔ Provide the State website where the most recently updated information is provided by the State to the public:
[5] Click here to enter text.

[6] ☐ The State does not make the information publicly available on a website.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(12)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark the Public Reporting column.

[7] ☐ No, the State does not collect this information.

➔ Provide the State's plan for making the information publicly available and updating it annually on a website in Part 3B. Cite "Indicator (d)(12)" in the Plan Element Verification Chart in Part 3B, Section I and mark both the Collection and Public Reporting columns.

PART 3B: DATA COLLECTION & PUBLIC REPORTING PLAN

Requirement: The State must collect and publicly report the data or other information required by an assurance indicator or descriptor. If the State is not able to fully collect or publicly report, at least annually through September 30, 2011, the State plan must describe the State's process and timeline for developing and implementing, as soon as possible but no later than September 30, 2011, the means to fully collect and publicly report the data or information, including the milestones that the State establishes toward developing and implementing those means, the date by which the State expects to reach each milestone, and any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing those means by September 30, 2011, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy. The plan must also include the nature and frequency of reports that the State will provide to the public regarding its progress in developing and implementing those means; the website where the State will make the plan and progress reports publicly available (as defined in the Notice of Final Requirements, Definitions, and Approval Criteria for the SFSF Phase II), the amount of funds the State is using or will use to develop and implement those means, and whether the funds are or will be Federal, State, or local funds.

I. ASSURANCES (a), (c), AND (d)

Important note regarding indicators (c)(11) and (c)(12):

If the State will develop and implement the means to collect and publicly report the data (i.e., the State will collect and publicly report the data) for either of these indicators by September 30, 2011, the plan requirements of this section apply to the indicator(s) for which this is the case.

If the State will develop but not implement the means to collect and publicly report the data (i.e., the State will not collect and publicly report the data) by September 30, 2011, for either of these indicators the requirements for this section do not apply to the indicator for which this is the case. Proceed to Section V.

State Plan Instructions: For each assurance indicator or descriptor under education reform areas ***(a), (c), and (d)*** for which the State is not able to fully collect or publicly report annually the required data or information (as indicated in Part 3A), please attach a plan that provides:

The process and timeline for developing and implementing, as soon as possible, but no later than September 30, 2011, the means to fully collect and/or publicly report (as required) the data or information, including:

- The milestones that the State establishes toward developing and implementing those means;
- The date by which the State expects to reach each milestone;

- Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing those means by September 30, 2011, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy;
- The nature and frequency of reports that the State will provide to the public regarding its progress in developing and implementing those means; and
- The amount of funds the State is using or will use to develop and implement those means, and whether the funds are or will be Federal, State, or local funds.

Furthermore, the plan must satisfy the following general requirements:

(A) Describe the agency or agencies in the State responsible for the development, execution, and oversight of the plan, including the institutional infrastructure and describe the capacity of the agency or agencies as they relate to each of those tasks;

(B) Describe the agency or agencies, institutions, or organizations, if any, providing technical assistance or other support in the development, execution, and oversight of the plan, and describe the nature of such technical assistance or other support;

(C) Provide the overall budget for the development, execution, and oversight of the plan.

(D) Describe the way the State will publicly report the plan and the State's progress reports on its plan, including the nature and frequency of updated reports to the public on State actions taken under the plan and the website where the State will make the plan and progress reports publicly available (as defined in the Notice of Final Requirements, Definitions, and Approval Criteria for the SFSF Phase II).

Plan Element Verification: Please fill out the following chart to indicate which elements, per the instructions in Part 1, must be addressed in the State plan, and whether they must address collection, public reporting, or both. Do not list elements that do not need to be addressed in the State plan. Only list those for which the State has been directed to do so in completing Part 3A.

Element	Collection (check if applies)	Public Reporting (check if applies)
Descriptor (a) (1)	x	x
Indicator (a) (3)	x	x
Indicator (a) (4)	x	x
Indicator (a) (5)	x	x
Descriptor (a) (2)	x	x
Indicator (a) (6)	x	x
Indicator (a) (7)	x	x
Indicator (c) (6)	x	x

Element	Collection (check if applies)	Public Reporting (check if applies)

II. INDICATOR (b)(1)

Plan Instructions

If (as indicated in Part 3A) the State does not have a statewide longitudinal data system that fully includes all 12 elements of the America COMPETES Act, as addressed in indicator **(b)(1),** please attach a plan that provides the process and timeline for developing and implementing, as soon as possible, but no later than September 30, 2011, a statewide longitudinal data system that includes all 12 elements of the America COMPETES Act, including the following information:

- The milestones that the State establishes toward developing and implementing those means;
- The date by which the State expects to reach each milestone;
- Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing those means by September 30, 2011, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy;
- The nature and frequency of reports that the State will provide to the public regarding its progress in developing and implementing those means; and
- The amount of funds the State is using or will use to develop and implement those means, and whether the funds are or will be Federal, State, or local funds.

Furthermore, the plan must satisfy the following general requirements:

(A) Describe the agency or agencies in the State responsible for the development, execution, and oversight of the plan, including the institutional infrastructure and describe the capacity of the agency or agencies as they relate to each of those tasks;

(B) Describe the agency or agencies, institutions, or organizations, if any, providing technical assistance or other support in the development, execution, and oversight of the plan, and describe the nature of such technical assistance or other support;

(C) Provide the overall budget for the development, execution, and oversight of the plan; and

(D) Describe the way the State will publicly report the plan and the State's progress reports on its plan, including the nature and frequency of updated reports to the public on State actions taken under the plan and the website where the State will make the plan and progress reports publicly available (as defined in the Notice of Final Requirements, Definitions, and Approval Criteria for the SFSF Phase II).

Plan Element Verification: Please mark which elements, per the instructions in Part 1, must be addressed in your state plan:

COMPETES Element	Must be addressed in plan	Does not need to be addressed in plan
1		x
2		x
3		x
4		x
5		x
6		x
7		x
8	x	
9	x	
10		x
11	x	
12	x	

III. INDICATOR (b)(2)

Instructions: If (as indicated in **Part 3A, Indicator (b)(2)**) the State does not provide student growth data on their current students and the students they taught in the previous year to, at a minimum, teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects, in a manner that is timely and informs instructional programs, please attach a plan that provides:

The process and timeline for developing and implementing the means to provide teachers with such data by September 30, 2011, including:

- The milestones that the State establishes toward developing and implementing those means and the date by which the State expects to reach each milestone;
- Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing those means by September 30, 2011 (including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy);
- The nature and frequency of reports that the State will provide to the public regarding its progress in developing and implementing those means; and
- The amount of funds the State is using or will use to develop and implement those means, and whether the funds are or will be Federal, State, or local funds.

Furthermore, the plan must satisfy the following general requirements:

(A) Identify the agency or agencies in the State responsible for the development, execution, and oversight of the plan, including the institutional infrastructure and describe the capacity of the agency or agencies as they relate to each of those tasks;

(B) Identify the agency or agencies, institutions, or organizations, if any, providing technical assistance or other support in the development, execution, and oversight of the plan, and describe the nature of such technical assistance or other support;

(C) Provide the overall budget for the development, execution, and oversight of the plan; and

(D) Describe the way the State will publicly report the plan and the State's progress reports on its plan, including the nature and frequency of updated reports to the public on State actions taken under the plan and the website where the State will make the plan and progress reports publicly available (as defined in the Notice of Final Requirements, Definitions, and Approval Criteria for the SFSF Phase II).

IV. INDICATOR (b)(3)

Instructions: If (as indicated in **Part 3A, Indicator (b)(3)**) the State does not provide teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects with reports of individual teacher impact on student achievement, please attach a plan that provides:

The process and timeline for developing and implementing the means to provide teachers with such data, including:

- The milestones that the State establishes toward developing and implementing those means and the date by which the State expects to reach each milestone;
- Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing those means (including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy);
- The nature and frequency of reports that the State will provide to the public regarding its progress in developing and implementing those means; and
- The amount of funds the State is using or will use to develop and implement those means, and whether the funds are or will be Federal, State, or local funds.

Furthermore, the plan must satisfy the following general requirements:

(A) Identify the agency or agencies in the State responsible for the development, execution, and oversight of the plan, including the institutional infrastructure and describe the capacity of the agency or agencies as they relate to each of those tasks;

(B) Identify the agency or agencies, institutions, or organizations, if any, providing technical assistance or other support in the development, execution, and oversight of the plan, and describe the nature of such technical assistance or other support;

(C) Provide the overall budget for the development, execution, and oversight of the plan; and

(D) Describe the way the State will publicly report the plan and the State's progress reports on its plan, including the nature and frequency of updated reports to the public on State actions taken under the plan and the website where the State will make the plan and progress reports publicly available (as defined in the Notice of Final Requirements, Definitions, and Approval Criteria for the SFSF Phase II).

V. INDICATORS (c)(11) AND (c)(12)

Important note regarding this section:

In the case of new Indicators (c)(11) and (c)(12), regarding the data States will collect from IHEs, the State is required to, at a minimum, possess the ability to collect and report the data. In such circumstances, a State plan need only address the development of capacity, and not implementation and reporting for the relevant indicators.

If the State will develop and implement the means to collect and publicly report the data (i.e., the State will collect and publicly report the data) for either of these indicators by September 30, 2011, the full plan requirements for this section **do** apply. If that is the case, please report all elements of that plan in Part 3B, Section I above.

State Plan Instructions: For each of *Indicators (c)(11) and (c)(12)* for which the State is not able to fully collect or publicly report annually the required data or information (as indicated in Part 3A), please attach a plan that provides:

(1) The process and timeline for achieving the ability to implement the means to fully collect and/or publicly report (as required) the data or information by September 30, 2011, including:

- The milestones established toward developing those means;
- The date by which the State expects to reach each such milestone; and any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing those means by September 30, 2011, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy;
- The nature and frequency of reports that the State will provide to the public regarding its progress in developing those means; and
- The amount of funds the State is using or will use to develop those means, and whether the funds are or will be Federal, State, or local funds.

(2) A description of the evidence that the State will provide to the Department of Education to demonstrate that it has developed the means to collect and publicly report the data for each indicator for which the State is not able to fully collect or publicly report annually the required data, by September 30, 2011.

Furthermore, the plan must satisfy the following general requirements:

(A) Identify the agency or agencies in the State responsible for the development, execution, and oversight of the plan, including the institutional infrastructure and describe the capacity of the agency or agencies as they relate to each of those tasks;

(B) Identify the agency or agencies, institutions, or organizations, if any, providing technical assistance or other support in the development, execution, and oversight of the plan, and describe the nature of such technical assistance or other support;

(C) Provide the overall budget for the development, execution, and oversight of the plan; and

(D) Describe the way the State will publicly report the plan and the State's progress reports on its plan, including the nature and frequency of updated reports to the public on State actions taken under the plan and the website where the State will make the plan and progress reports publicly available (as defined in the Notice of Final Requirements, Definitions, and Approval Criteria for the SFSF Phase II).

Plan Element Verification: Please check only the boxes that apply in the following chart to indicate which elements must be addressed in this section of your state plan:

Element	Not Applicable: The State will develop and implement the means to collect and publicly report the data (Complete Plan in Section I).	Applicable: The State will develop but not implement the means to collect and publicly report the data (Complete Plan in this section).
Indicator (c)(11)		x
Indicator (c)(12)		x

PART 3C-- GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Please attach the following information—

(1) Describe the processes the State employs to review and verify the required data and other information on the indicators and descriptors. Contained in Appendix A of the State plan.

(2) Describe the processes the State employs to ensure that, consistent with 34 CFR 99.31(b), the required data and other information are not made publicly available in a manner that personally identifies students, where applicable.
Contained in Appendix B of the State plan.

APPENDICES

Appendix A

STATE ALLOCATION DATA

State	SFSF Education Fund Amount Remaining
Alabama	**59,635,587**
Alaska	**30,704,243**
Arizona	**274,516,879**
Arkansas	**119,807,496**
California	**487,549,876**
Colorado	**205,219,871**
Connecticut	**146,273,112**
Delaware	**36,405,622**
District of Columbia	**24,126,447**
Florida	**728,916,950**
Georgia	**416,063,701**
Hawaii	**51,876,575**
Idaho	**66,560,895**
Illinois	**554,773,126**
Indiana	**197,678,694**
Iowa	**127,503,336**
Kansas	**121,249,535**
Kentucky	**175,823,202**
Louisiana	**191,265,519**
Maine	**52,222,609**
Maryland	**237,493,405**
Massachusetts	**268,390,060**
Michigan	**429,781,767**
Minnesota	**220,403,088**
Mississippi	**129,382,422**
Missouri	**248,546,871**
Montana	**40,137,322**
Nebraska	**77,205,456**
Nevada	**107,053,560**
New Hampshire	**54,200,505**
New Jersey	**359,150,805**
New Mexico	**85,944,012**
New York	**814,624,071**
North Carolina	**383,437,416**
North Dakota	**28,262,631**
Ohio	**483,024,288**
Oklahoma	**156,030,836**

State	SFSF Education Fund Amount Remaining
Oregon	**74,633,845**
Pennsylvania	**514,403,320**
Rhode Island	**44,521,007**
South Carolina	**56,774,130**
South Dakota	**34,416,587**
Tennessee	**255,794,562**
Texas	**1,072,589,804**
Utah	**129,552,001**
Vermont	**25,459,523**
Virginia	**324,675,748**
Washington	**270,582,460**
West Virginia	**71,930,420**
Wisconsin	**236,721,210**
Wyoming	**22,314,665**
Puerto Rico	**174,814,813**
TOTAL TO STATE GRANTS	**11,500,425,885**

Appendix B

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PART 2: MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT (MOE)

Background

Section 14005(d)(1) of the ARRA contains maintenance-of-effort (MOE) requirements that apply to the levels of State support for elementary and secondary education, as well as to the levels of State support for public institutions of higher education. The requirements are as follows:

Elementary and Secondary Education

In each of FYs 2009, 2010, and 2011, the State will maintain State support for elementary and secondary education at least at the level of such support in FY 2006.

Public Institutions of Higher Education

In each of FYs 2009, 2010, and 2011, the State will maintain State support for public institutions of higher education (not including support for capital projects or for research and development or tuition and fees paid by students) at least at the level of such support in FY 2006.

Section 14012 of the ARRA authorizes the Secretary of Education to waive or modify these requirements if the following statutory criterion is met:

MOE Waiver Criterion

A State is eligible for a waiver of the elementary and secondary education MOE requirement or the higher education MOE requirement for a given fiscal year if the Secretary determines that the State will not provide for elementary, secondary, and public higher education, for the fiscal year under consideration, a smaller percentage of the total revenues available to the State than the percentage provided for such purpose in the preceding fiscal year.

The term "total revenues available to the State" as stated in the criterion includes total State revenues for education and other purposes. The MOE waiver criterion applies to both waivers of the elementary and secondary education MOE requirements and the higher education MOE requirements.

Sections 14005(d)(1) and (b)(2) of the ARRA requires each State to provide an assurance that it will comply with the MOE requirements and baseline data that demonstrates the State's current status regarding maintenance of effort. On May 1, 2009, the Department issued guidance on the Maintenance of Effort Requirements for SFSF and an MOE waiver form, which are available at http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/statutory/moe-guidance.pdf.

Additional Information For Completing Part 2A:
Update of Maintenance-Of-Effort Information

Determining the level of State support for elementary and secondary education

A State determines its level of State support for elementary and secondary education for a given fiscal year in a manner that is consistent with its governing statutes and regulations. One example of how a State may choose to quantify its level of support for elementary and secondary education is to use the data that is included as "Revenue from State Sources" in the National Public Education Finance Survey (NPEFS). (*See* http://nces.ed.gov/ccd/pdf/NPEFSmanual2004.pdf.) This is a survey of States that is conducted annually by the National Center for Education Statistics. NPEFS identifies four types of State support for LEAs:

- Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid: State grants to LEAs that can be used, without restriction, for any legal purpose desired by the LEA;
- Restricted Grants-in-Aid: State grants to an LEA that must be used for a "categorical" or specific purpose;
- Revenue in Lieu of Taxes: Commitments or payments made out of general revenues by a State to an LEA in lieu of taxes that the State would have had to pay had its property or other tax base been subject to taxation on the same basis as privately owned property. This revenue includes payments in lieu of taxes for privately owned property that is not subject to taxation on the same basis as other privately owned property because of action(s) taken by a State; and
- Revenue for, or on Behalf of, the LEA: State commitments or payments for the benefit of an LEA and contributions of equipment and supplies. Such revenue includes payments made for, or on behalf, of an LEA by a State to a pension fund for LEA employees.

In determining levels of State support for MOE purposes, a State may also use the amount of funds provided to LEAs through the State's primary funding formulae in a given year as the level of State support for elementary and secondary education for that year. Alternatively, a State may establish its own definition of State support for elementary and secondary education. In providing the MOE baseline data for the levels of State support for elementary and secondary education in Part 2A, a State must identify and describe the data sources used in determining the levels of such support.

Finally, a State may establish that it is complying with the elementary and secondary education MOE requirements on either an aggregate basis or a per-student basis.

Determining the level of State support for public institutions of higher education

In Part 2A, a State must also provide data on its level of State support for public IHEs for specific fiscal years. These data may *not* include support for capital projects or for research and development or tuition and fees paid by students.

In addition, State funding for financial assistance to students attending public IHEs is not considered State support for these institutions. Rather, such funding is considered support for students to enable them to pay their educational expenses, even if the IHEs administer the funding. However, unrestricted State funding for public IHEs is considered State support for such institutions even if those institutions choose to use a portion of that funding for financial assistance to students.

One example of how a State may quantify State support for public IHEs is to use the definitions from the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) State Higher Education Finance study, an annual data collection of all State and local revenue used to support higher education. (*See* http://sheeo.org/finance/shef-home.htm.) In that study, SHEEO identifies the following as State revenue sources for public IHEs:

- State tax appropriations set aside specifically to support public higher education;
- Funding under State auspices for appropriated non-tax support (e.g., tobacco settlement funds and lotteries) specifically set aside for public higher education; and
- Interest or earnings received from State-endowments pledged to public IHEs.

Alternatively, a State may establish its own definition of State support for public IHEs. In providing the MOE baseline data for the levels of State support for public IHEs in Part 2A, a State must identify and describe the data sources used in determining the levels of such support.

Specific Instructions Regarding Part 2A, Update of Maintenance-Of-Effort Data

In the SFSF Phase I Application for Initial Funding, States were required to submit MOE data identical to that requested here in Phase II. The Department is requesting that States reaffirm these data for Phase II, and in particular, to update FY 2009 data to actual levels of State support.

Specific Instructions Regarding Part 2B, Attestation of Maintenance-Of-Effort Compliance

The Governor or his/her authorized representative must attest that the State has complied with all MOE requirements of the SFSF program for FY 2009. In the event that a State is unable to meet MOE, it must submit a waiver request, if it has not done so already.

Appendix C

AUTHORIZING STATUTE FOR THE STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Public Law 111-5 (H.R. 1), February 17, 2009; 123 Stat. 115

As amended by Public Law 111-8 (H.R. 1105), the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009; Division A, Section 523; March 11, 2009; 123 Stat. 524

Below are excerpts from Public Law 111-5, as amended by Public Law 111-8, that relate to the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund administered by the U.S. Department of Education. The U.S. Department of Education has posted this information as a courtesy to readers. The official (and controlling) texts of this material will be printed in those two Public Laws.

DIVISION A, TITLE XIV – STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND

For necessary expenses for a State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, $53,600,000,000, which shall be administered by the Department of Education.

GENERAL PROVISIONS – THIS TITLE

SEC. 14001. ALLOCATIONS.

(a) Outlying Areas. From the amount appropriated to carry out this title, the Secretary of Education shall first allocate up to one-half of 1 percent to the outlying areas on the basis of their respective needs, as determined by the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, for activities consistent with this title under such terms and conditions as the Secretary may determine.

(b) Administration and Oversight. The Secretary may, in addition, reserve up to $14,000,000 for administration and oversight of this title, including for program evaluation.

(c) Reservation for Additional Programs. After reserving funds under subsections (a) and (b), the Secretary shall reserve $5,000,000,000 for grants under sections 14006 and 14007.

(d) State Allocations. After carrying out subsections (a), (b), and (c), the Secretary shall allocate the remaining funds made available to carry out this title to the States as follows:

(1) 61 percent on the basis of their relative population of individuals aged 5 through 24.

(2) 39 percent on the basis of their relative total population.

(e) State Grants. From funds allocated under subsection (d), the Secretary shall make grants to the Governor of each State.

(f) Reallocation. The Governor shall return to the Secretary any funds received under subsection (e) that the Governor does not award as subgrants or otherwise commit within two years of receiving such funds, and the Secretary shall reallocate such funds to the remaining States in accordance with subsection (d).

SEC. 14002. STATE USES OF FUNDS.

(a) Education Fund.

(1) In general. For each fiscal year, the Governor shall use 81.8 percent of the State's allocation under section 14001(d) for the support of elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and, as applicable, early childhood education programs and services.

(2) Restoring state support for education.

(A) In general. The Governor shall first use the funds described in paragraph (1)—

(i) to provide the amount of funds, through the State's primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae, that is needed—

(I) to restore, in each of fiscal years 2009, 2010, and 2011, the level of State support provided through such formulae to the greater of the fiscal year 2008 or fiscal year 2009 level; and

(II) where applicable, to allow existing State formulae increases to support elementary and secondary education for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 to be implemented and allow funding for phasing in State equity and adequacy adjustments, if such increases were enacted pursuant to State law prior to October 1, 2008.

(ii) to provide, in each of fiscal years 2009, 2010, and 2011, the amount of funds to public institutions of higher education in the State that is needed to restore State support for such institutions (excluding tuition and fees paid by students) to the greater of the fiscal year 2008 or fiscal year 2009 level.

(B) Shortfall. If the Governor determines that the amount of funds available under paragraph (1) is insufficient to support, in each of fiscal years 2009, 2010, and 2011, public elementary, secondary, and higher education at the levels described in clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A), the Governor shall allocate those funds between those clauses in proportion to the relative shortfall in State support for the education sectors described in those clauses.

(C) Fiscal year. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "fiscal year" shall have the meaning given such term under State law.

(3) Subgrants to improve basic programs operated by local educational agencies.--After carrying out paragraph (2), the Governor shall use any funds remaining under paragraph (1) to provide local educational agencies in the State with subgrants based on their relative shares of funding under part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.) for the most recent year for which data are available.

(b) Other Government Services.

(1) In general. The Governor shall use 18.2 percent of the State's allocation under section 14001(d) for public safety and other government services, which may include assistance for elementary and secondary education and public institutions of higher education, and for modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities and institutions of higher education facilities, including modernization, renovation, and repairs that are consistent with a recognized green building rating system.

(2) Availability to all institutions of higher education. A Governor shall not consider the type or mission of an institution of higher education, and shall consider any institution for funding for modernization, renovation, and repairs within the State that—

(A) qualifies as an institution of higher education, as defined in subsection 14013(3); and

(B) continues to be eligible to participate in the programs under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

(c) Rule of Construction. Nothing in this section shall allow a local educational agency to engage in school modernization, renovation, or repair that is inconsistent with State law.

SEC. 14003. USES OF FUNDS BY LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.

(a) In General. A local educational agency that receives funds under this title may use the funds for any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) ("SEA"), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) ("IDEA"), the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (20 U.S.C. 9201 et seq.), or the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.) ("the Perkins Act") or for modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, including modernization, renovation, and repairs that are consistent with a recognized green building rating system.

(b) Prohibition. A local educational agency may not use funds received under this title for—

(1) payment of maintenance costs;

(2) stadiums or other facilities primarily used for athletic contests or exhibitions or other events for which admission is charged to the general public;

(3) purchase or upgrade of vehicles; or

(4) improvement of stand-alone facilities whose purpose is not the education of children, including central office administration or operations or logistical support facilities.

(c) Rule of Construction. Nothing in this section shall allow a local educational agency to engage in school modernization, renovation, or repair that is inconsistent with State law.

SEC. 14004. USES OF FUNDS BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(a) In General. A public institution of higher education that receives funds under this title shall use the funds for education and general expenditures, and in such a way as to mitigate the need to raise tuition and fees for in-State students, or for modernization, renovation, or repair of institution of higher education facilities that are primarily used for instruction, research, or student housing, including modernization, renovation, and repairs that are consistent with a recognized green building rating system.

(b) Prohibition. An institution of higher education may not use funds received under this title to increase its endowment.

(c) Additional Prohibition. No funds awarded under this title may be used for—

(1) the maintenance of systems, equipment, or facilities;

(2) modernization, renovation, or repair of stadiums or other facilities primarily used for athletic contests or exhibitions or other events for which admission is charged to the general public; or

(3) modernization, renovation, or repair of facilities—

(A) used for sectarian instruction or religious worship; or

(B) in which a substantial portion of the functions of the facilities are subsumed in a religious mission.

SEC. 14005. STATE APPLICATIONS.

(a) In General. The Governor of a State desiring to receive an allocation under section 14001(d) shall submit an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

(b) Application. In such application, the Governor shall—

(1) include the assurances described in subsection (d);

(2) provide baseline data that demonstrates the State's current status in each of the areas described in such assurances; and

(3) describe how the State intends to use its allocation, including whether the State will use such allocation to meet maintenance of effort requirements under the ESEA and IDEA and, in such cases, what amount will be used to meet such requirements.

(c) Incentive Grant Application. The Governor of a State seeking a grant under section 14006 shall—

(1) submit an application for consideration;

(2) describe the status of the State's progress in each of the areas described in subsection (d), and the strategies the State is employing to help ensure that students in the subgroups described in section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(C)(v)(II)) who

Appendix D

OTHER APPLICABLE STATUTES

This appendix contains the following statutes that are referenced in this application (in alphabetical order):

- America COMPETES Act 6401(e)(2)(D)
- 34 CFR 99.31(b)
- 34 CFR 200.11(c)
- 34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i)
- ESEA 1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II)
- ESEA 1111(b)(3)
- ESEA 111(b)(8)(C)
- ESEA 1111(h)(1)
- ESEA 6112(a)
- 101(a) of the Higher Education Act

America COMPETES Act 6401(e)(2)(D)

REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF A STATEWIDE P-16 EDUCATION DATA SYSTEM- The State shall ensure the statewide P-16 education data system includes the following elements:

(i) PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12 EDUCATION AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION- With respect to preschool through grade 12 education and postsecondary education--

(I) a unique statewide student identifier that does not permit a student to be individually identified by users of the system;

(II) student-level enrollment, demographic, and program participation information;

(III) student-level information about the points at which students exit, transfer in, transfer out, drop out, or complete P-16 education programs;

(IV) the capacity to communicate with higher education data systems; and

(V) a State data audit system assessing data quality, validity, and reliability.

(ii) PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12 EDUCATION-- With respect to preschool through grade 12 education--

(I) yearly test records of individual students with respect to assessments under section 1111(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b));

(II) information on students not tested by grade and subject;

(III) a teacher identifier system with the ability to match teachers to students;

(IV) student-level transcript information, including information on courses completed and grades earned; and

(V) student-level college readiness test scores.

(iii) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION- With respect to postsecondary education, data that provide--

(I) information regarding the extent to which students transition successfully from secondary school to postsecondary education, including whether students enroll in remedial coursework; and

(II) other information determined necessary to address alignment and adequate preparation for success in postsecondary education.

34 CFR 99.31(b)

(b) Paragraph (a) of this section does not forbid an educational agency or institution from disclosing, nor does it require an educational agency or institution to disclose, personally identifiable information from the education records of a student to any parties

34 CFR 200.11(c)

§ 200.11 Participation in NAEP.

(c) Report cards. Each State and LEA must report on its annual State and LEA report card, respectively, the most recent available academic achievement results in grades four and eight on the State's NAEP reading and mathematics assessments under paragraph (a) of this section. The report cards must include--

(1) The percentage of students at each achievement level reported on the NAEP in the aggregate and, for State report cards, disaggregated for each subgroup described in Sec. 200.13(b)(7)(ii); and

(2) The participation rates for students with disabilities and for limited English proficient students.

34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i)

Sec. 200.19 Other academic indicators.

(b) High schools--(1) Graduation rate. Consistent with paragraphs (b)(4) and (b)(5) of this section regarding reporting and determining AYP, respectively, each State must calculate a graduation rate, defined as follows, for all public high schools in the State:

(i)(A) A State must calculate a ``four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate,'' defined as the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for that graduating class.

(B) For those high schools that start after grade nine, the cohort must be calculated based on the earliest high school grade.

ESEA 1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II)

(C) DEFINITION- Adequate yearly progress' shall be defined by the State in a manner that—

(v) includes separate measurable annual objectives for continuous and substantial improvement for each of the following:

(II) The achievement of--

(aa) economically disadvantaged students;

(bb) students from major racial and ethnic groups;

(cc) students with disabilities; and

(dd) students with limited English proficiency;

except that disaggregation of data under subclause

(II) shall not be required in a case in which the number of students in a category is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual student;

ESEA IIII (b)(3)

ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS-

(A) IN GENERAL- Each State plan shall demonstrate that the State educational agency, in consultation with local educational agencies, has implemented a set of high-quality, yearly student academic assessments that include, at a minimum, academic assessments in mathematics, reading or language arts, and science that will be used as the primary means of determining the yearly performance of the State and of each local educational agency and school in the State in enabling all children to meet the State's challenging student academic achievement standards, except that no State shall be required to meet the requirements of this part relating to science assessments until the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year.

(B) USE OF ASSESSMENTS- Each State educational agency may incorporate the data from the assessments under this paragraph into a State-developed longitudinal data system that links student test scores, length of enrollment, and graduation records over time.

(C) REQUIREMENTS- Such assessments shall--

(i) be the same academic assessments used to measure the achievement of all children;

(ii) be aligned with the State's challenging academic content and student academic achievement standards, and provide coherent information about student attainment of such standards;

(iii) be used for purposes for which such assessments are valid and reliable, and be consistent with relevant, nationally recognized professional and technical standards;

(iv) be used only if the State educational agency provides to the Secretary evidence from the test publisher or other relevant sources that the assessments used are of adequate technical quality for each purpose required under this Act and are consistent with the requirements of this section, and such evidence is made public by the Secretary upon request;

(v)(I) except as otherwise provided for grades 3 through 8 under clause vii, measure the proficiency of students in, at a minimum, mathematics and reading or language arts, and be administered not less than once during--

(aa) grades 3 through 5;

(bb) grades 6 through 9; and

(cc) grades 10 through 12;

(II) beginning not later than school year 2007-2008, measure the proficiency of all students in science and be administered not less than one time during--

(aa) grades 3 through 5;

(bb) grades 6 through 9; and

(cc) grades 10 through 12;

(vi) involve multiple up-to-date measures of student academic achievement, including measures that assess higher-order thinking skills and understanding;

(vii) beginning not later than school year 2005-2006, measure the achievement of students against the challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards in each of grades 3 through 8 in, at a minimum, mathematics, and reading or language arts, except that the Secretary may provide the State 1 additional year if the State demonstrates that exceptional or uncontrollable circumstances, such as a natural disaster or a precipitous and unforeseen decline in the financial resources of the State, prevented full implementation of the academic assessments by that deadline and that the State will complete implementation within the additional 1-year period;

(viii) at the discretion of the State, measure the proficiency of students in academic subjects not described in clauses (v), (vi), (vii) in which the State has adopted challenging academic content and academic achievement standards;

(ix) provide for—

(I) the participation in such assessments of all students;

(II) the reasonable adaptations and accommodations for students with disabilities (as defined under section 602(3) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) necessary to measure the academic achievement of such students relative to State academic content and State student academic achievement standards; and

(III) the inclusion of limited English proficient students, who shall be assessed in a valid and reliable manner and provided reasonable accommodations on assessments administered to such students under this paragraph, including, to the extent practicable, assessments in the language and form most likely to yield accurate data on what such students know and can do in academic content areas, until such students have achieved English language proficiency as determined under paragraph (7);

(x) notwithstanding subclause (III), the academic assessment (using tests written in English) of reading or language arts of any student who has attended school in the United States (not including Puerto Rico) for three or more consecutive school years, except that if the local educational agency determines, on a case-by-case individual basis, that academic assessments in another language or form would likely yield more accurate and reliable information on what such student knows and can do, the local educational agency may make a determination to assess such student in the appropriate language other than English for a period that does not exceed two additional consecutive years, provided that such student has not yet reached a level of English language proficiency sufficient to yield valid and reliable information on what such student knows and can do on tests (written in English) of reading or language arts;

(xi) include students who have attended schools in a local educational agency for a full academic year but have not attended a single school for a full academic year, except that the performance of students who have attended more than 1 school in the local educational agency in any academic year shall be used only in determining the progress of the local educational agency;

(xii) produce individual student interpretive, descriptive, and diagnostic reports, consistent with clause (iii) that allow parents, teachers, and principals to understand and address the specific academic needs of students, and include information regarding achievement on academic assessments aligned with State academic achievement standards, and that are provided to parents, teachers, and principals, as soon as is

practicably possible after the assessment is given, in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand;

(xiii) enable results to be disaggregated within each State, local educational agency, and school by gender, by each major racial and ethnic group, by English proficiency status, by migrant status, by students with disabilities as compared to nondisabled students, and by economically disadvantaged students as compared to students who are not economically disadvantaged, except that, in the case of a local educational agency or a school, such disaggregation shall not be required in a case in which the number of students in a category is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual student;

(xiv) be consistent with widely accepted professional testing standards, objectively measure academic achievement, knowledge, and skills, and be tests that do not evaluate or assess personal or family beliefs and attitudes, or publicly disclose personally identifiable information; and

(xv) enable itemized score analyses to be produced and reported, consistent with clause (iii), to local educational agencies and schools, so that parents, teachers, principals, and administrators can interpret and address the specific academic needs of students as indicated by the students' achievement on assessment items.

(D) DEFERRAL- A State may defer the commencement, or suspend the administration, but not cease the development, of the assessments described in this paragraph, that were not required prior to the date of enactment of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, for 1 year for each year for which the amount appropriated for grants under section 6113(a)(2) is less than—

(i) $370,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;

(ii) $380,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;

(iii) $390,000,000 for fiscal year 2004; and

(iv) $400,000,000 for fiscal years 2005 through 2007.

ESEA 1111(b)(8)(C)

(8) REQUIREMENT- Each State plan shall describe—

(C) the specific steps the State educational agency will take to ensure that both schoolwide programs and targeted assistance schools provide instruction by highly qualified instructional staff as required by sections 1114(b)(1)(C) and 1115(c)(1)(E), including steps that the State educational agency will take to ensure that poor and minority children are not taught at higher rates than other children by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers, and the measures that the State educational agency will use to evaluate and publicly report the progress of the State educational agency with respect to such steps;

ESEA 1111(h)(1)

ANNUAL STATE REPORT CARD-

(A) IN GENERAL- Not later than the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year, unless the State has received a 1-year extension pursuant to subsection (c)(1), a State that receives assistance under this part shall prepare and disseminate an annual State report card.

(B) IMPLEMENTATION- The State report card shall be—

(i) concise; and

(ii) presented in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parents can understand.

(C) REQUIRED INFORMATION- The State shall include in its annual State report card—

(i) information, in the aggregate, on student achievement at each proficiency level on the State academic assessments described in subsection (b)(3) (disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, migrant status, English proficiency, and status as economically disadvantaged, except that such disaggregation shall not be required in a case in which the number of students in a category is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual student);

(ii) information that provides a comparison between the actual achievement levels of each group of students described in subsection (b)(2)(C)(v) and the State's annual measurable objectives for each such group of students on each of the academic assessments required under this part;

(iii) the percentage of students not tested (disaggregated by the same categories and subject to the same exception described in clause (i));

(iv) the most recent 2-year trend in student achievement in each subject area, and for each grade level, for which assessments under this section are required;

(v) aggregate information on any other indicators used by the State to determine the adequate yearly progress of students in achieving State academic achievement standards;

(vi) graduation rates for secondary school students consistent with subsection (b)(2)(C)(vi);

(vii) information on the performance of local educational agencies in the State regarding making adequate yearly progress, including the number and names of each school identified for school improvement under section 1116; and

(viii) the professional qualifications of teachers in the State, the percentage of such teachers teaching with emergency or provisional credentials, and the percentage of classes in the State not taught by highly qualified teachers, in the aggregate and disaggregated by high-poverty compared to low-poverty schools which, for the purpose of this clause, means schools in the top quartile of poverty and the bottom quartile of poverty in the State.

(D) OPTIONAL INFORMATION- The State may include in its annual State report card such other information as the State believes will best provide parents, students, and other

members of the public with information regarding the progress of each of the State's public elementary schools and public secondary schools. Such information may include information regarding—

(i) school attendance rates;

(ii) average class size in each grade;

(iii) academic achievement and gains in English proficiency of limited English proficient students;

(iv) the incidence of school violence, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, student suspensions, and student expulsions;

(v) the extent and type of parental involvement in the schools;

(vi) the percentage of students completing advanced placement courses, and the rate of passing of advanced placement tests; and

(vii) a clear and concise description of the State's accountability system, including a description of the criteria by which the State evaluates school performance, and the criteria that the State has established, consistent with subsection (b)(2), to determine the status of schools regarding school improvement, corrective action, and restructuring.

ESEA 6112(a)

GRANTS FOR ENHANCED ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS.

(a) GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED- From funds made available to carry out this subpart, the Secretary shall award, on a competitive basis, grants to State educational agencies that have submitted an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, which demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Secretary, that the requirements of this section will be met, for the following:

(1) To enable States (or consortia of States) to collaborate with institutions of higher education, other research institutions, or other organizations to improve the quality, validity, and reliability of State academic assessments beyond the requirements for such assessments described in section 1111(b)(3).

(2) To measure student academic achievement using multiple measures of student academic achievement from multiple sources.

(3) To chart student progress over time.

(4) To evaluate student academic achievement through the development of comprehensive academic assessment instruments, such as performance and technology-based academic assessments.

101(a) of the Higher Education Act

SEC. 101. GENERAL DEFINITION OF INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(a) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION- For purposes of this Act, other than title IV, the term 'institution of higher education' means an educational institution in any State that--

(1) admits as regular students only persons having a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate;

(2) is legally authorized within such State to provide a program of education beyond secondary education;

(3) provides an educational program for which the institution awards a bachelor's degree or provides not less than a 2-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree;

(4) is a public or other nonprofit institution; and

(5) is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, or if not so accredited, is an institution that has been granted preaccreditation status by such an agency or association that has been recognized by the Secretary for the granting of preaccreditation status, and the Secretary has determined that there is satisfactory assurance that the institution will meet the accreditation standards of such an agency or association within a reasonable time.

Appendix E

Excerpt from the Notice of Final Requirements, Definitions, and Approval Criteria

Please note that the following is an *excerpt* from the Notice of Final Requirements, Definitions, and Approval Criteria. For the full Notice, please refer to the Federal Register or to the U.S. Department of Education State Fiscal Stabilization webpage at www.ed.gov/programs/statestabilization.

Final Requirements:

The Secretary establishes the following requirements for the Stabilization program. We may apply these requirements in any year in which this program is in effect.

I. Assurance Indicators and Descriptors: In general, a State must collect and publicly report (as defined in this notice) data and other information for the following indicators and descriptors regarding the assurances that the State has provided in order to receive funds under the Stabilization program.

(a) Achieving equity in teacher distribution. A State must collect and publicly report data and other information on the extent to which students in high- and low-poverty schools in the State have access to highly qualified teachers; steps the State is currently taking to ensure that students from low-income families and minority students are not taught at higher rates than other students by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers; on how teacher and principal performance is evaluated; and the distribution of performance evaluation ratings or levels among teachers and principals. Specifically, a State must--

Indicator (a)(1). Confirm, for the State, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of core academic courses taught, in the highest-poverty and lowest-poverty schools, by teachers who are highly qualified consistent with section 9101(23) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA);

Indicator (a)(2). Confirm whether the State's Teacher Equity Plan (as part of the State's Highly Qualified Teacher Plan) fully reflects the steps the State is currently taking to ensure that students from low-income families and minority students are not taught at higher rates than other students by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers (as required in section 1111(b)(8)(C) of the ESEA).

Descriptor (a)(1). Describe, for each local educational agency (LEA) in the State, the systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers and the use of results from those systems in decisions regarding teacher development, compensation, promotion, retention, and removal;

Indicator (a)(3). Indicate, for each LEA in the State, whether the systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers include student achievement outcomes or student growth data as an evaluation criterion;

Indicator (a)(4). Provide, for each LEA in the State whose teachers receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of teachers rated at each performance rating or level;

Indicator (a)(5). Indicate, for each LEA in the State whose teachers receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, whether the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of teachers rated at each performance rating or level are publicly reported for each school in the LEA;

Descriptor (a)(2). Describe, for each LEA in the State, the systems used to evaluate the performance of principals and the use of results from those systems in decisions regarding principal development, compensation, promotion, retention, and removal;

Indicator (a)(6). Indicate, for each LEA in the State, whether the systems used to evaluate the performance of principals include student achievement outcomes or student growth data as an evaluation criterion; and

Indicator (a)(7). Provide, for each LEA in the State whose principals receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of principals rated at each performance rating or level.

(b) Improving collection and use of data. A State must collect and publicly report information on the elements of its statewide longitudinal data system, on whether teachers receive data on student growth in a manner that is timely and informs instructional programs, and on whether teachers receive reports of individual teacher impact on student achievement. Specifically, a State must--

Indicator (b)(1). Indicate which of the 12 elements described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system; and

Indicator (b)(2). Indicate whether the State provides student growth data on their current students and the students they taught in the previous year to, at a minimum, teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects in a manner that is timely and informs instructional programs.

Indicator (b)(3). Indicate whether the State provides teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects with reports of individual teacher impact on student achievement on those assessments.

(c) Standards and assessments. A State must collect and publicly report data and other information on whether students are provided high-quality State assessments; whether students with disabilities and limited English proficient students are included in State assessment systems; whether the State makes information available regarding student academic performance in the State compared to the academic performance of students in other States; and the extent to which students graduate from high school in four years with a regular high school diploma and continue on to pursue a college education. Specifically, a State must--

Indicator (c)(1). Confirm the approval status, as determined by the Department, of the State's assessment system under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA with respect to reading/language arts, mathematics, and science assessments;

Indicator (c)(2). Confirm whether the State has developed and implemented valid and reliable alternate assessments for students with disabilities that are approved by the Department;

Indicator (c)(3). Confirm whether the State's alternate assessments for students with disabilities, if approved by the Department, are based on grade-level, modified, or alternate academic achievement standards;

Indicator (c)(4). Indicate whether the State has completed, within the last two years, an analysis of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the accommodations it provides students with disabilities to ensure their meaningful participation in State assessments;

Indicator (c)(5). Confirm the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of students with disabilities who are included in State reading/language arts and mathematics assessments;

Indicator (c)(6). Indicate whether the State has completed, within the last two years, an analysis of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the accommodations it provides limited English proficient students to ensure their meaningful participation in State assessments;

Indicator (c)(7). Confirm whether the State provides native language versions of State assessments for limited English proficient students that are approved by the Department;

Indicator (c)(8). Confirm the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of limited English proficient students who are included in State reading/language arts and mathematics assessments;

Indicator (c)(9). Confirm that the State's annual State Report Card (under section 1111(h)(1) of the ESEA) contains the most recent available State reading and mathematics National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) results as required by 34 CFR 200.11(c);

Indicator (c)(10). Provide, for the State, for each LEA in the State, for each high school in the State and, at each of these levels, by student subgroup (consistent with section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II) of the ESEA), the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of students who graduate from high school using a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate as required by 34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i);

Indicator (c)(11). Provide, for the State, for each LEA in the State, for each high school in the State and, at each of these levels, by student subgroup (consistent with section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II) of the ESEA), of the students who graduate from high school consistent with 34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i), the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) who enroll in an institution of higher education (IHE) (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA)) within 16 months of receiving a regular high school diploma; and

Indicator (c)(12). Provide, for the State, for each LEA in the State, for each high school in the State and, at each of these levels, by student subgroup (consistent with section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II) of the ESEA), of the students who graduate from high school consistent with 34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i) who enroll in a public IHE (as defined in section 101(a) of the HEA) in the State within 16 months of receiving a regular high school diploma, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) who complete at least one year's worth of college credit (applicable to a degree) within two years of enrollment in the IHE.

(d) Supporting struggling schools. A State must collect and publicly report data and other information on the progress of certain groups of schools in the State on State assessments in reading/language arts and mathematics; on the extent to which reforms to improve student academic achievement are implemented in the persistently lowest-achieving schools in the State; and on the extent to which charter schools are operating in the State. Specifically, a State must--

Indicator (d)(1). Provide, for the State, the average statewide school gain in the "all students" category and the average statewide school gain for each student subgroup (as under section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) of the ESEA) on the State assessments in reading/language arts and for the State and for each LEA in the State, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that have made progress (as defined in this notice) on State assessments in reading/language arts in the last year;

Indicator (d)(2). Provide, for the State, the average statewide school gain in the "all students" category and the average statewide school gain for each student subgroup (as under section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) of the ESEA) on State assessments in mathematics and for the State and for each LEA in the State, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that have made progress on State assessments in mathematics in the last year;

Descriptor (d)(1). Provide the definition of "persistently lowest-achieving schools" (consistent with the requirements for defining this term set forth in this notice) that the State uses to identify such schools;

Indicator (d)(3). Provide, for the State, the number and identity of the schools that are Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, that are identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools;

Indicator (d)(4). Provide, for the State, of the persistently lowest-achieving schools that are Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, the number and identity of those schools that have been turned around, restarted, closed, or transformed (as defined in this notice) in the last year;

Indicator (d)(5). Provide, for the State, the number and identity of the schools that are secondary schools that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I funds, that are identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools;

Indicator (d)(6). Provide, for the State, of the persistently lowest-achieving schools that are secondary schools that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I funds, the number and identity of those schools that have been turned around, restarted, closed, or transformed in the last year;

Indicator (d)(7). Provide, for the State and, if applicable, for each LEA in the State, the number of charter schools that are currently permitted to operate under State law;

Indicator (d)(8). Confirm, for the State and for each LEA in the State that operates charter schools, the number of charter schools currently operating;

Indicator (d)(9). Provide, for the State and for each LEA in the State that operates charter schools, the number and percentage of charter schools that have made progress on State assessments in reading/language arts in the last year;

Indicator (d)(10). Provide, for the State and for each LEA in the State that operates charter schools, the number and percentage of charter schools that have made progress on State assessments in mathematics in the last year;

Indicator (d)(11). Provide, for the State and for each LEA in the State that operates charter schools, the number and identity of charter schools that have closed (including schools that were not reauthorized to operate) within each of the last five years; and

Indicator (d)(12). Indicate, for each charter school that has closed (including a school that was not reauthorized to operate) within each of the last five years, whether the closure of the school was for financial, enrollment, academic, or other reasons.

II. State Plans: A State receiving funds under the Stabilization program must develop and submit to the Department a comprehensive plan that includes the following information.

(a) Indicator and descriptor requirements. Except as discussed in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section, the State must collect and publicly report the data or other information required by an assurance indicator or descriptor. To this end, the State must describe, for each assurance indicator or descriptor--

(1) The State's current ability to fully collect the required data or other information at least annually;

(2) The State's ability to fully publicly report the required data or other information, at least annually through September 30, 2011;

(3) If the State is not currently able to fully collect, at least annually, the data or other information required by the indicator or descriptor--

(i) The State's process and timeline for developing and implementing, as soon as possible but no later than September 30, 2011, the means to fully collect the data or information, including—

(A) The milestones that the State establishes toward developing and implementing those means;

(B) The date by which the State expects to reach each milestone; and

(C) Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing those means by September 30, 2011, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy;

(ii) The nature and frequency of reports that the State will provide to the public regarding its progress in developing and implementing those means; and

(iii) The amount of funds the State is using or will use to develop and implement those means, and whether the funds are or will be Federal, State, or local funds; and

(4) If the State is not able to fully publicly report, at least annually through September 30, 2011, the data or other information required by the indicator or descriptor--

(i) The State's process and timeline for developing and implementing, as soon as possible but no later than September 30, 2011, the means to fully publicly report the data or information, including--

(A) The milestones that the State establishes toward developing and implementing those means;

(B) The date by which the State expects to reach each milestone; and

(C) Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing those means by September 30, 2011, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy;

(ii) The nature and frequency of reports that the State will provide to the public regarding its progress in developing and implementing those means; and

(iii) The amount of funds the State is using or will use to develop and implement those means, and whether the funds are or will be Federal, State, or local funds.

(b) Data or other information. If the State is currently able to fully collect and publicly report the data or other information required by the indicator or descriptor, the State must provide the most recent data or information with its plan and publicly report that plan.

(c) Requirements for indicators in reform area (b) (improving collection and use of data).

(1) With respect to Indicator (b)(1), the State must develop and implement a statewide longitudinal data system that includes each of the 12 elements described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act. To this end, the State must, in its plan--

(i) Indicate which of the 12 elements are currently included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system; and

(ii) If the State's statewide longitudinal data system does not currently include all 12 elements, describe--

(A) The State's process and timeline for developing and implementing, as soon as possible but no later than September 30, 2011, a statewide longitudinal data system that fully includes all 12 elements, including the milestones that the State establishes toward developing and implementing such a system, the date by which the State expects to reach each milestone, and any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing such a system by September 30, 2011 (including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy);

(B) The nature and frequency of reports that the State will provide to the public regarding its progress in developing and implementing such a system; and

(C) The amount of funds the State is using or will use to develop and implement such a system, and whether the funds are or will be Federal, State, or local funds.

(2) With respect to Indicator (b)(2), the State must provide student growth data on their students to, at a minimum, teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects, in a manner that is timely and informs instructional programs. To this end, the State must--

(i) Indicate whether the State provides teachers with such data; and

(ii) If the State does not provide teachers with such data, describe--

(A) The State's process and timeline for developing and implementing, as soon as possible but no later than September 30, 2011, the means to provide teachers with such data, including the milestones that the State establishes toward developing and implementing those means, the date by which the State expects to reach each milestone, and any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing those means by September 30, 2011 (including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy);

(B) The nature and frequency of reports that the State will provide to the public regarding its progress in developing and implementing those means; and

(C) The amount of funds the State is using or will use to develop and implement those means, and whether the funds are or will be Federal, State, or local funds.

(3) With respect to Indicator (b)(3), the State must—

(i) Indicate whether it provides teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects with reports of individual teacher impact on student achievement on those assessments; and

(ii) If the State does not provide those teachers with such reports, describe--

(A) The State's process and timeline for developing and implementing the means to provide those teachers with such reports, including the milestones that the State establishes toward developing and implementing those means, the date by which the State expects to reach each milestone, and any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing those means (including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy);

(B) The nature and frequency of reports that the State will provide to the public regarding its progress in developing and implementing those means; and

(C) The amount of funds the State is using or will use to develop and implement those means, and whether the funds are or will be Federal, State, or local funds.

(d) Requirements for Indicators (c)(11) and (c)(12). With respect to Indicators (c)(11) and (c)(12), the State is required to, at a minimum, possess the ability to collect and publicly report the data. As a result, the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section apply to these indicators, at a minimum, with respect to the State's development of the means to collect and to publicly report the data. Accordingly--

(1) If, for either of these indicators, a State will develop but not implement the means to collect and publicly report the data (i.e., the State will not collect and publicly report the data) by September 30, 2011, the State--

(i) Must submit a plan with respect to the indicator that addresses the requirements of paragraph (a) only with respect to the State's development of the means to collect and to publicly report the data, and not the State's implementation of those means; and

(ii) If submitting a plan in this manner, must include in its plan a description of the evidence it will provide to the Department of Education, by September 30, 2011, to demonstrate that it has developed the means to collect and publicly report that data.

(2) If, however, for either of these indicators, a State will develop and implement those means (i.e., the State will collect and publicly report the data) by September 30, 2011, the State must submit a plan with respect to the indicator that fully addresses the requirements of paragraph (a).

(e) General requirements. The State must describe--

(1) The agency or agencies in the State responsible for the development, execution, and oversight of the plan, including the institutional infrastructure and capacity of the agency or agencies as they relate to each of those tasks;

(2) The agency or agencies, institutions, or organizations, if any, providing technical assistance or other support in the development, execution, and oversight of the plan, and the nature of such technical assistance or other support;

(3) The overall budget for the development, execution, and oversight of the plan;

(4) The processes the State employs to review and verify the required data and other information; and

(5) The processes the State employs to ensure that, consistent with 34 CFR 99.31(b), the required data and other information are not made publicly available in a manner that personally identifies students, where applicable.

Final Definitions:

The Secretary establishes the following definitions for Stabilization program terms not defined in the ARRA (or, by reference, in the ESEA or the HEA). We may apply these definitions in any year in which this program is in effect.

For the purposes of this program, publicly report means that the data or information required for an indicator or descriptor are made available to anyone with access to an Internet connection without having to submit a request to the entity that maintains the data and information in order to access that data and information. Therefore, States are required to maintain a public website that provides the data and information that are responsive to the indicator and descriptor requirements. If a State does not currently provide the required data or information, it must provide on this website its plan with respect to the indicator or descriptor and its reports on its progress in implementing that plan.

With respect to the requirement that a State collect and publicly report on the extent to which students in high- and low-poverty schools in the State have access to highly qualified teachers, highest-poverty school means, consistent with section 1111(h)(1)(C)(viii) of the ESEA, a school in the highest quartile of schools (at the State and LEA levels, respectively) using a measure of poverty determined by the State. Similarly, lowest-poverty school means, consistent with section 1111(h)(1)(C)(viii) of the ESEA, a school in the lowest quartile of schools (at the State and LEA levels, respectively) using a measure of poverty determined by the State.

With respect to the requirements that a State indicate whether the systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers and principals include student achievement outcomes as an evaluation criterion, student achievement outcomes means outcomes including, at a minimum, one of the following: student performance on summative assessments, or on assessments predictive of student performance on summative assessments, in terms of absolute performance, gains, or growth; student grades; and rates at which students are on track to graduate from high school with a regular high school diploma.

With respect to the requirements that a State indicate whether teacher and principal evaluation systems include student growth data as an evaluation criterion and whether the State provides such data to, at a minimum, teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects, student growth means the change in achievement for an individual student between two or more points in time. For grades in which the State administers summative assessments in reading/language arts and mathematics, student growth data must be based on a student's score on the State's assessment under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA. A State may also include other measures that are rigorous and comparable across classrooms.

With respect to the requirement that a State collect and publicly report the number of high-school graduates who enrolled in a public IHE in the State who complete at least one year's worth of college credit (applicable to a degree) within two years of enrollment, college credit (applicable to a degree) is used as that term is defined by the IHE granting such credit.

With respect to the requirements that a State collect and publicly report the numbers and percentages of certain groups of schools that have made progress on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics in the last year, school that has made progress means a school whose gains on the assessment, in the "all students" category and for each student subgroup (as under section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) of the ESEA), are equal to or greater than the average statewide school gains in the State on that assessment, in the "all students" category and for each student subgroup, except that if the average statewide school gains in the State on that assessment are equal to or less than zero, the gains of the school must be greater than zero.

With respect to the requirements that a State collect and publicly report data and information on the persistently lowest-achieving schools that are Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring or secondary schools that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I funds, persistently lowest-achieving schools means, as determined by the State—

(a)(1) A Title I school in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that--

(i) Is among the lowest-achieving five percent of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring or the lowest-achieving five Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring in the State, whichever number of schools is greater; or

(ii) Is a high school that has had a graduation rate as defined in 34 CFR 200.19(b) that is less than 60 percent over a number of years.

(2) A secondary school that is eligible for, but does not receive, Title I funds that--

(i) Is among the lowest-achieving five percent of secondary schools or the lowest-achieving five secondary schools in the State that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I funds, whichever number of schools is greater; or

(ii) Is a high school that has had a graduation rate as defined in 34 CFR 200.19(b) that is less than 60 percent over a number of years.

(b) To identify the lowest-achieving schools, a State must take into account both--

(i) The academic achievement of the "all students" group in a school in terms of proficiency on the State's assessments under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA in reading/language arts and mathematics combined; and

(ii) The school's lack of progress on those assessments over a number of years in the "all students" group.

With respect to the requirements that a State collect and publicly report, of the persistently lowest-achieving schools, the number and identity of schools that have been turned around, restarted, closed, or transformed through one of the following in the last year—

(a) Turnaround model. (1) A turnaround model is one in which an LEA must--

(i) Replace the principal and grant the principal sufficient operational flexibility (including in staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach in order to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates;

(ii) Use locally adopted competencies to measure the effectiveness of staff who can work within the turnaround environment to meet the needs of students,

(A) Screen all existing staff and rehire no more than 50 percent; and

(B) Select new staff;

(iii) Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in the turnaround school;

(iv) Provide staff with ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure that they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies;

(v) Adopt a new governance structure, which may include, but is not limited to, requiring the school to report to a new "turnaround office" in the LEA or SEA, hire a "turnaround leader" who reports directly to the Superintendent or Chief Academic Officer, or enter into a multi-year contract with the LEA or SEA to obtain added flexibility in exchange for greater accountability;

(vi) Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and "vertically aligned" from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards;

(vii) Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students;

(viii) Establish schedules and implement strategies that provide increased learning time (as defined in this notice); and

(ix) Provide appropriate social-emotional and community-oriented services and supports for students.

(2) A turnaround model may also implement other strategies such as—

(i) Any of the required and permissible activities under the transformation model; or

(ii) A new school model (e.g., themed, dual language academy).

(b) Restart model. A restart model is one in which an LEA converts a school or closes and reopens a school under a charter school operator, a charter management organization (CMO), or an education management organization (EMO) that has been selected through a rigorous review process. (A CMO is a non-profit organization that operates or manages charter schools by centralizing or sharing certain functions and resources among schools. An EMO is a for-profit or non-profit organization that provides "whole-school operation" services to an LEA.) A restart model must enroll, within the grades it serves, any former student who wishes to attend the school.

(c) School closure. School closure occurs when an LEA closes a school and enrolls the students who attended that school in other schools in the LEA that are higher achieving. These other schools should be within reasonable proximity to the closed school and may include, but are not limited to, charter schools or new schools for which achievement data are not yet available.

(d) Transformation model. A transformation model is one in which an LEA implements each of the following strategies:

(1) Developing and increasing teacher and school leader effectiveness.

(i) Required activities. The LEA must--

(A) Replace the principal who led the school prior to commencement of the transformation model;

(B) Use rigorous, transparent, and equitable evaluation systems for teachers and principals that--

(1) Take into account data on student growth (as defined in this notice) as a significant factor as well as other factors such as multiple observation-based assessments of performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflective of student achievement and increased high-school graduations rates; and

(2) Are designed and developed with teacher and principal involvement;

(C) Identify and reward school leaders, teachers, and other staff who, in implementing this model, have increased student achievement and high-school graduation rates and identify and remove those who, after ample opportunities have been provided for them to improve their professional practice, have not done so;

(D) Provide staff with ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development (e.g., regarding subject-specific pedagogy, instruction that reflects a deeper understanding of the community served by the school, or differentiated instruction) that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies; and

(E) Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school.

(ii) Permissible activities. An LEA may also implement other strategies to develop teachers' and school leaders' effectiveness, such as--

(A) Providing additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school;

(B) Instituting a system for measuring changes in instructional practices resulting from professional development; or

(C) Ensuring that the school is not required to accept a teacher without the mutual consent of the teacher and principal, regardless of the teacher's seniority.

(2) Comprehensive instructional reform strategies.

(i) Required activities. The LEA must--

(A) Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and "vertically aligned" from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards; and

(B) Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students.

(ii) Permissible activities. An LEA may also implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies, such as--

(A) Conducting periodic reviews to ensure that the curriculum is being implemented with fidelity, is having the intended impact on student achievement, and is modified if ineffective;

(B) Implementing a schoolwide "response-to-intervention" model;

(C) Providing additional supports and professional development to teachers and principals in order to implement effective strategies to support students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment and to ensure that limited English proficient students acquire language skills to master academic content;

(D) Using and integrating technology-based supports and interventions as part of the instructional program; and

(E) In secondary schools--

(1) Increasing rigor by offering opportunities for students to enroll in advanced coursework (such as Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate; or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses, especially those that incorporate rigorous and relevant project-, inquiry-, or design-based contextual learning opportunities), early-college high schools, dual enrollment programs, or thematic learning academies that prepare students for college and careers, including by providing appropriate supports designed to ensure that low-achieving students can take advantage of these programs and coursework;

(2) Improving student transition from middle to high school through summer transition programs or freshman academies;

(3) Increasing graduation rates through, for example, credit-recovery programs, re-engagement strategies, smaller learning communities, competency-based instruction and performance-based assessments, and acceleration of basic reading and mathematics skills; or

(4) Establishing early-warning systems to identify students who may be at risk of failing to achieve to high standards or graduate.

(3) Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools.

(i) Required activities. The LEA must--

(A) Establish schedules and implement strategies that provide increased learning time (as defined in this notice); and

(B) Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement.

(ii) Permissible activities. An LEA may also implement other strategies that extend learning time and create community-oriented schools, such as--

(A) Partnering with parents and parent organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, health clinics, other State or local agencies, and others to create safe school environments that meet students' social, emotional, and health needs;

(B) Extending or restructuring the school day so as to add time for such strategies as advisory periods that build relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff;

(C) Implementing approaches to improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports or taking steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment; or

(D) Expanding the school program to offer full-day kindergarten or pre-kindergarten.

(4) Providing operational flexibility and sustained support.

(i) Required activities. The LEA must--

(A) Give the school sufficient operational flexibility (such as staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates; and

(B) Ensure that the school receives ongoing, intensive technical assistance and related support from the LEA, the SEA, or a designated external lead partner organization (such as a school turnaround organization or an EMO).

(ii) Permissible activities. The LEA may also implement other strategies for providing operational flexibility and intensive support, such as--

(A) Allowing the school to be run under a new governance arrangement, such as a turnaround division within the LEA or SEA; or

(B) Implementing a per-pupil school-based budget formula that is weighted based on student needs.

If a school identified as a persistently lowest-achieving school has implemented, in whole or in part within the last two years, an intervention that meets the requirements of the turnaround, restart, or transformation models, the school may continue or complete the intervention being implemented.

With respect to the requirement that schools using a turnaround model or a transformation model have increased learning time, increased learning time means using a longer school day, week, or year schedule to significantly increase the total number of school hours to include additional time for (a) instruction in core academic subjects, including English, reading or language arts; mathematics; science; foreign languages; civics and government; economics; arts; history; and geography; (b) instruction in other subjects and enrichment activities that contribute to a well-rounded education, including, for example, physical education, service learning, and experiential and work-based learning opportunities that are provided by partnering, as appropriate, with other organizations; and (c) teachers to collaborate, plan, and engage in professional development within and across grades and subjects.[5]

Final Approval Criteria:

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[5] Research supports the effectiveness of well-designed programs that expand learning time by a minimum of 300 hours per school year. (See Frazier, Julie A.; Morrison, Frederick J. "The Influence of Extended-year Schooling on Growth of Achievement and Perceived Competence in Early Elementary School." Child Development. Vol. 69 (2), April 1998, pp.495-497 and research done by Mass2020.) Extending learning into before- and after-school hours can be difficult to implement effectively, but is permissible under this definition with encouragement to closely integrate and coordinate academic work between in school and out of school. (See James-Burdumy, Susanne; Dynarski, Mark; Deke, John. "When Elementary Schools Stay Open Late: Results from The National Evaluation of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program." http://epa.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/29/4/296. Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Vol. 29 (4), December 2007, Document No. PP07-121.)

The Secretary establishes the following criteria for approving the plan of a State receiving funds under the Stabilization program. We may apply one or more of these criteria in any year in which this program is in effect.

(a) Quality of the State plan. Except as described in paragraph (b), in determining the quality of the plan submitted by a State, we consider the following:

(1) Whether the plan clearly and accurately describes the State's abilities to collect and to publicly report the data or other information required by an assurance indicator and descriptor; and

(2) If the State is not currently able to fully collect and publicly report the data or information required by an indicator or descriptor--

(i) Whether the timeline and process for developing and implementing the means to fully collect and publicly report the data or information are reasonable and sufficient to comply with the requirement;

(ii) Whether any obstacles identified by the State as preventing it from developing and implementing the means to fully collect and publicly report the data or information by September 30, 2011 are sufficient to justify a delay in complying with the requirement; and

(iii) Whether the reports that the State will provide to the public will be appropriately accessible and will sufficiently indicate the State's progress in developing and implementing the means to comply with the requirement.

(b) Quality of the State plan with respect to indicators in reform area (b) (improving collection and use of data). In determining the quality of the plan submitted by a State as it relates to the indicators in reform area (b), we consider the following:

(1) Whether the plan clearly and accurately describes the State's ability to meet the plan requirement for the indicator (i.e., in the case of Indicator (b)(1), the requirement to develop and implement a statewide longitudinal data system that includes each of the 12 elements described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act; and in the case of Indicator (b)(2), the requirement to provide student growth data on their students to, at a minimum, teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects, in a manner that is timely and informs instructional programs); and

(2) If the State does not currently meet the plan requirement for the indicator--

(i) Whether the timeline and process for developing and implementing the means to meet the requirement are reasonable and sufficient to comply with the requirement;

(ii) Excluding Indicator (b)(3), whether any obstacles identified by the State as preventing it from developing and implementing the means to meet the requirement by September 30, 2011 are sufficient to justify a delay in complying with the requirement; and

(iii) Whether the reports that the State will provide to the public will be appropriately accessible and will sufficiently indicate the State's progress in developing and implementing the means to comply with the requirement.

(c) Adequacy of the State plan. In determining the adequacy of the plan submitted by a State, we consider the following:

(1) Whether the institutional infrastructure and capacity of the agency or agencies responsible for the development, implementation, and oversight of the plan, together with any technical assistance or other support provided by other agencies, institutions, or organizations, are adequate to comply with the indicator and descriptor requirements individually and as a whole;

(2) Whether the funds the State is using or will use are adequate to comply with the indicator and descriptor requirements both individually and as a whole;

(3) Whether the processes the State employs to review and verify the required data and information are adequate to ensure that the data and information are accurate and of high quality; and

(4) Whether the processes the State employs are adequate to ensure that, where applicable, the required data and other information are not made publicly available in a manner that personally identifies students.

Executive Order 12866:

Under Executive Order 12866, the Secretary must determine whether this regulatory action is "significant" and therefore subject to the requirements of the Executive Order and subject to review by OMB. Section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 defines a "significant regulatory action" as an action likely to result in a rule that may (1) have an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more, or adversely affect a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local or tribal governments, or communities in a material way (also referred to as an "economically significant" rule); (2) create serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency; (3) materially alter the budgetary impacts of entitlement grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or (4) raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in the Executive Order. Pursuant to the Executive Order, it has been determined that this regulatory action will have an annual effect on the economy of more than $100 million because the amount of government transfers provided through SFSF will exceed that amount. Therefore, this action is "economically significant" and subject to OMB review under section 3(f)(1) of the Executive Order.

The costs of this regulatory action have been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866. Under the terms of the Order, the Department has assessed the costs and benefits of this regulatory action.

In assessing the potential costs and benefits--both quantitative and qualitative--of these requirements, the Department has determined that the benefits of the requirements exceed the costs. The Department also has determined that this regulatory action does not unduly interfere with State, local, and tribal governments in the exercise of their governmental functions.

Need for Federal Regulatory Action:

These requirements, definitions, and approval criteria are needed to implement the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund program in a manner that the Secretary believes will best enable the program to achieve its objectives of supporting meaningful education reforms in the States while helping to stabilize State and local budgets and minimize reductions in education and other essential services. In particular, the requirements, definitions, and approval criteria included in this notice are necessary to advance the four key educational reforms listed in the ARRA, particularly by ensuring better reporting and more public availability of information on the progress of implementation in each of the four reform areas. The requirement for each State to establish a longitudinal data system that includes the elements specified in the America COMPETES Act will have an especially significant impact on the availability of data that can be used in developing and improving programs; targeting services; developing better linkages between preschool, elementary and secondary schools, and postsecondary systems, agencies, and institutions; and holding schools, LEAs, and institutions accountable for their performance. Establishment of such a system by each participating State is also required under the ARRA.

Further, the requirement for each State to provide student growth data on their current students and the students they taught in the previous year to, at a minimum, teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects, in a manner that is timely and informs instructional programs, reflects a need to ensure that teachers have better data on how well they are educating their students and that school and LEA leaders have valuable information that they can use in developing and providing professional development opportunities, assigning teachers, and implementing compensation and other human capital policies.

The definitions included in this notice are necessary to give clearer meaning to some of the terms used in the descriptions of the requirements and approval criteria. The approval criteria themselves are needed in order to provide for a clear and objective set of standards that the Secretary will use in ensuring that each State, before receiving the remainder of its Stabilization program allocation, has in place a plan for collecting and publicly reporting the required data and meeting the other requirements in this notice.

Regulatory Alternatives Considered:

A likely alternative to promulgation of the types of requirements, definitions, and approval criteria in this notice would be for the Secretary to release the remaining Stabilization program funds without establishing specific reporting or other requirements. Under such a scenario, participating States would still be required to meet the statutory requirements (that is, to take actions to improve teacher effectiveness and the equitable distribution of highly qualified teachers, establish statewide longitudinal data systems that include the elements specified in the America COMPETES Act, enhance the quality of their standards and assessments, ensure the inclusion of students with disabilities and limited English proficient students in their assessments, and take steps to improve consistently low-performing schools), but there would be no assurance of consistent and complete reporting of States' progress and no uniform mechanism for measuring and comparing States' performance. Additionally, the need for teachers to obtain better information on their students' educational progress would likely be unfulfilled.

Summary of Costs and Benefits:

The Department has analyzed the costs of complying with these final requirements. Some of the costs will be minimal and others more significant. As an example of a requirement that will result in minimal burden and cost, States are currently required to report annually, through EDFacts (the Department's centralized data collection and warehousing system), for the State as a whole and for each LEA, the number and percentage of core academic courses taught, in the highest-poverty and lowest-poverty schools, by teachers who are highly qualified. Indicator (a)(1) requires that they confirm the data they have reported, which should not be a time-consuming responsibility. As a second example, the requirement to confirm the approval status of the State's assessment system under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA, as determined by the Department, should also require minimal effort.

Appendix F

APPLICATION CHECKLIST and SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please use the following checklist to ensure that your application is complete:

PART 1: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Phase II Application Cover Sheet

- ❑ Is all of the requested information included on the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Phase II Application Cover Sheet?
- ❑ **SIGNAURE REQUIRED** – Has the Governor or his/her authorized representative signed the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Phase II Application Cover Sheet?
- ❑ **SIGNATURE REQUIRED** – Has the Chief State School Officer signed the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Phase II Application Cover Sheet?

PART 2: Maintenance-of-Effort Information

- ❑ Has the State provided all data as requested?
- ❑ Is any of the data reported different from the State's most current Phase I application?
- ❑ Has the State included attachments responding to Part 2A(3)(a) and Part 2A(3)(b)?
- ❑ **SIGNATURE REQUIRED** – Has the Governor or his/her authorized representative signed the other Assurances and Certifications?
- ❑ If applicable, has the State indicated whether the MOE waiver request has already been submitted or whether it is included with this application package?

PART 3A: Assurance Indicators and Descriptors

- ❑ Has the State responded appropriately to all indicators and descriptors?

PART 3B: Data Collection and Public Reporting Plan

- ❑ For each assurance indicator or descriptor under education reform areas (a), (c), and (d), for which the State is not able to fully collect or publicly report annually the required data or information (as indicated in Part 3A), has the State provided a plan for developing and implementing, as soon as possible, but no later than September 30, 2011, that includes all plan elements detailed in Part 3B?
- ❑ Has the State completed the Plan Element Verification table as applicable?
- ❑ For Indicator (b)(1), has the State completed the America COMPETES Plan Element Verification table as applicable?
- ❑ For Indicator (b)(2), has the State ensured that the plan meets the requirements described in Part 3B?
- ❑ For Indicator (b)(3), has the State ensured that the plan meets the requirements described in Part 3B?
- ❑ For Indicators (c)(11) and (c)(12), has the State completed the Plan Element Verification table as applicable?

PART 3C: General Requirements

- ❑ In an attachment, has the State described the processes employed to review and verify the required data and other information for the indicators and descriptors?
- ❑ In an attachment, has the State described the processes the State employs to ensure that, consistent with 34 CFR 99.31(b), the required data and other information are not made publicly available in a manner that personally identifies students, where applicable.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please submit your application to the Department as follows:

1. E-mail an electronic version of your application in .PDF (Portable Document) format to phaseIIapplication@ed.gov and

2. Mail the original and two copies of your application by express mail service through the U.S. Postal Service or through a commercial carrier to the following address:

   Dr. Joseph C. Conaty
   Director, Academic Improvement and Teacher Quality Programs
   Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
   U.S. Department of Education
   400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 3E314
   Washington, D.C. 20202

PHASE II STATE FISCAL STABILIZTION FUND APPLICATION ATTACHMENT

PART 2A: MAINTENANCE-OF-EFFORT DATA

3 (a) Identify and describe the data sources used in determining the levels of State support for elementary and secondary education

The level of state support for elementary and secondary education for the purpose of this application was computed based on the amount of state funding appropriated by the Kansas Legislature for general state aid. General State Aid is distributed to the state's 295 local school districts under the school district finance formula (found in Kansas Statutes Annotated 72-6407) and serves as the primary revenue source from the state for the payment of school district operational and instructional expenditures. General State Aid is computed by multiplying the legally authorized base state aid per pupil amount by the school district's adjusted enrollment and then subtracting the school district's local effort.

The legislative authorized State General Fund expenditures for General State Aid totaling $1,951.2 million for FY 2010; however, due to a significant decline in state revenues, the Governor had to make two allotment reductions, based on his executive authority, after the 2009 Legislature adjourned. In July 2009, the Governor reduced General State Aid expenditures by $39.1 million, then another $36.7 million in November 2009. In total, State General Fund General State Aid expenditures have been reduced by $75.8 million so far in FY 2010. To demonstrate how much state funding has been provided in recent years, the table below is provided, using expenditure data from *The Governor's Budget Report*, published annually by the Division of the Budget. Data identified for maintenance of effort include only appropriations from the State General Fund for General State Aid. The amount included for FY 2010 has been adjusted for all allotment reductions made by the Governor, as of November 2009.

Year	State General Fund Expenditures for General State Aid
FY 2003	$ 1,608,949,590
FY 2004	1,626,412,162
FY 2005	1,753,205,690
FY 2006	1,875,390,680
FY 2007	1,982,694,510
FY 2008	2,088,626,758
FY 2009	2,179,730,652
FY 2010	1,875,390,680

A school district's adjusted enrollment under the formula is based on the school district's full-time equivalent enrollment plus enrollment adjustments allowed by state law to reflect additional costs incurred to serve certain student populations (those identified as at-risk, needing bilingual instruction, or students in vocational education, etc.), transporting pupils, operating smaller and larger enrollments and adding new school facilities. Local effort is defined in the formula as the sum of locally generated resources, such as the proceeds from a uniform statewide 20-mill property tax which is assessed to fund school district operations. Kansas' school finance

formula is regarded as one of the nation's most fair and equitable funding formulas and was recently held to be constitutional by the Kansas Supreme Court.

3 (b) Identify and describe the data sources used in determining the levels of State support for public IHEs.

For the maintenance of effort requirement in the Recovery Act, amounts appropriated from the State General Fund were identified for FY 2006, as well as FY 2009 and FY 2010, for the Board of Regents and the state's six universities, as well as the statewide coordinating board for the 32 public higher education institutions. Estimates for FY 2011 data at this point assume no growth for postsecondary education budgets.

State Fiscal Stabilization Phase II

When submitting the Phase II application, please provide the indicator or descriptor the State has amended.

Indicator/Descriptor	Date Amended
Indicator a 6	March 18, 2010
Indicator c 11	March 18, 2010
Indicator c 12	March 18, 2010
Indicator d 1	March 18, 2010
Indicator d 2	March 18, 2010
Indicator d 9	March 18, 2010
Indicator d 10	March 18, 2010

Kansas State Plan for Phase II Stabilization Fund

Description of Indicators/Descriptors

Detailed Process for Collection of Data

December, 2009

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Reform Goal A: Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution

Indicator (a)(1)

Description of Indicator

The number and percentage of core academic courses taught, in the highest-poverty and lowest-poverty schools, by teachers who are highly qualified consistent with section 9101(23) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA)

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

The Kansas State Department annually collects this information. We posted the 2008-09 information on the Kansas State Department of Education website at http://www.ksde.org/Dafault.aspx?tabid=3918, under indicator (a)(1). Annual updates will be completed by January 1 of each year.

Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $3,000 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this indicator comes from state funds.

The agency has established processes to ensure data quality and will follow those procedures in collecting this information. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data. The Kansas State Department of Education has processes which ensure data quality and that all USD's report this information.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data. Technical assistance is provided by use of instructional manuals, training sessions, webinars, and staff assistance by email or telephone.

Reform Goal A: Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution

Descriptor (a)(1)

Description of Descriptor

The systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers and the use of results from those systems in decisions regarding teacher development, compensation, promotion, retention and removal.

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

a. Estimated date to complete and post information – June 30, 2010.
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process
    1. A request of unified school districts will be developed and sent out by April 30, 2010 to request that unified school districts submit their teacher evaluation forms.
    2. A survey will be developed and sent to USDs covering the uses of the evaluation system by April 30, 2010. The survey will request information on how the USD uses the evaluation instrument, including whether it is used in decisions regarding teacher development, compensation, promotion, retention, or removal. The survey and request for evaluation forms will be due to the Kansas State Department by May 30, 2010.
    3. Evaluation forms and the survey responses from the schools will be analyzed and posted on the Kansas State Department of Education website by June 30, 2010.
    4. Annually the Kansas State Department of Education will request and update the evaluation forms and survey questions from USDs by June 30 of each year.
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy -
    None
d. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this descriptor. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $30,000 through September 30, 2011 for descriptors (a)(1) and (a)(2) and indicators (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(6), and (a)(7). The funding for this staff comes from state funds.
e. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data - The agency has established processes to ensure data quality and will follow those procedures in collecting this information. (see Appendix A) This includes ensuring a 100% response from districts and having forms submitted to Kansas State Department of Education electronically.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

All school districts in Kansas develop their own evaluation instrument and procedures. The Kansas State Department of Education will ensure these evaluation forms are collected and posted annually. By statute, every certified probationary staff member is required to be evaluated (summative and formative) annually.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education will be responsible for collecting the forms. USDs are responsible for developing the evaluation instrument. Districts receive input from the teacher organizations and the Kansas Association of School Boards in developing the evaluation instrument.

Reform Goal A: Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution

Indicator (a)(2)

Description of Indicator

Whether the State's Teacher Equity Plan (as part of the State's Highly Qualified Teacher Plan) fully reflects the steps the State is currently taking to ensure that students from low-income families and minority students are not taught at higher rates than other students by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers (as required in section 1111(b)(8)(C) of the ESEA)

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This information has been posted on the Kansas State Department of Education ARRA website at: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918, under indicator (a)(2) and is updated annually. The Plan for Kansas filed with the U.S. Department of Education reflects the steps the state is pursuing.

Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is contained in Descriptor (a)(1). The funding for this staff comes from state funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data. The Kansas State Department of Education has responsibility for development, execution, oversight, and collection of any data required in the plan.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data. Technical assistance is provided by Kansas State Department of Education to school districts on the information needed to complete this plan. Kansas State Department of Education provides technical assistance by use of instructional manuals, training sessions, webinars, and staff assistance by email or telephone.

Reform Goal A: Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution

Descriptor (a)(2)

Description of Descriptor

The systems used to evaluate the performance of principals and the use of results from those systems in decisions regarding principal development, compensation, promotion, retention, and removal

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

a. Estimated date to complete and post information – June 30, 2010.
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process
    1. A request of unified school districts will be developed and sent out by April 30, 2010 to request that unified school districts submit their principal evaluation forms.
    2. A survey will be developed and sent to USDs covering the use of the evaluation system by April 30, 2010. The survey will request information on how the USD uses the valuation instrument, including whether it is used in decisions regarding principal development, compensation, promotion, retention, or removal. The survey and request for evaluation forms will be due to Kansas State Department of Education by May 30, 2010.
    3. Evaluation forms and the survey responses from the schools will be analyzed and posted on the Kansas State Department of Education website by June 30, 2010.
    4. Annually the Kansas State Department of Education will request and update the principal evaluation forms and survey questions from USDs by June 30 of each year.
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy -
    None
d. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is contained in Descriptor (a)(1) through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.
e. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data - The agency has established processes to ensure for data quality and will follow those procedures in collecting this information. (see Appendix A) This includes ensuring a 100% response from districts and having forms submitted to Kansas State Department of Education electronically.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

All school districts in Kansas develop their own evaluation instruments and procedures. The Kansas State Department of Education will ensure these evaluation forms are collected and posted annually.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education will be responsible for collecting the forms. USDs are responsible for developing the evaluation instrument. They receive input from their principals and the Kansas Association of School Boards.

Reform Goal A: Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution

Indicator (a)(3)

Description of Indicator

Whether the systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers include student achievement outcomes or student growth data as an evaluation criterion

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

a. Estimated date to complete – June 30, 2010.
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process –
    1. A survey of USD's will be developed and sent out by April 30, 2010 to request that unified school districts submit their teacher evaluation forms.
    2. Data from the survey will be analyzed to develop a unified school district level report determining whether teacher evaluation systems include student achievement outcomes or student growth data as an evaluation criterion. The survey and request for evaluation forms will be due to Kansas State Department of Education by May 30, 2010.
    3. Information will be posted on the designated web site by June 30, 2010.
    4. Annually the Kansas State Department of Education will conduct this survey and post the results on the Department's webpage by June 30 of each year.
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy -
    None
d. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is contained in Descriptor (a)(1) through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.
e. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data - The agency has established processes for data quality that will be followed. (see Appendix A) This includes ensuring a 100% response from districts and having forms submitted to Kansas State Department of Education electronically.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education will be responsible for developing the survey to collect this information and oversee school districts to ensure the survey is received from all districts.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education will be responsible for developing the survey to collect this information and providing technical assistance to USD's on this collection instrument.

Reform Goal A: Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution

Indicator (a)(4)

Description of Indicator

If the district's teachers receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, the number and percentage of teachers rated at each performance rating or level

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

Kansas will provide information on teacher evaluation rankings in order for their patrons to know how teachers are ranked in the district and by each school building in the district. This type of information will provide a better view of the district and each building.

a. Estimated date to complete and post information – June 30, 2010.
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process –
    1. A survey of unified school districts will be developed and sent out by April 30, 2010 to request that unified school districts submit their teacher evaluation forms and performance ratings or levels of their teachers. The survey and request for evaluation forms will be due to Kansas State Department of Education by May 30, 2010.
    2. Data from the survey will be analyzed to develop a unified school district level report of the number and percentage of teachers rated at each performance rating or level for each unified school district.
    3. Information will be posted on the designated web site by June 30, 2010.
    4. Annually the Kansas State Department of Education will conduct this survey and post the results on the Department's webpage by June 30 of each year.
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy – None
d. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is contained in Descriptor (a)(1) through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.
e. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data - The agency has established processes for data quality that will be followed. (see Appendix A) This includes ensuring a 100% response from districts and having forms submitted to Kansas State Department of Education electronically.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

All school districts in Kansas develop their own evaluation instruments and procedures. The Kansas Department of Education will ensure this survey form is collected and posted annually. By statute, every certified probationary staff member is required to be evaluated (summative and formative) annually.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education will be responsible for collecting the survey. USDs are responsible for developing the evaluation instrument and they receive input from teacher organizations and the Kansas Association of School Boards.

Reform Goal A: Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution

Indicator (a)(5)

Description of Indicator

If the district's teachers receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, whether the number and percentage of teachers rated at each performance rating or level are publicly reported for each school in the LEA

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

Kansas will provide information on teacher evaluation rankings in order for their patrons to know how teachers are ranked in the district and by each school building in the district. This type of information will provide a better view of the district and each building.

a. Estimated date to complete and post information – June 30, 2010.
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process –
    1. A survey of unified school districts will be developed and sent out by April 30, 2010 to request that unified school districts submit their teacher evaluation forms and performance ratings or levels of their teachers by school building. The survey and request for evaluation forms will be due to Kansas State Department of Education by May 30, 2010.
    2. Data from the survey will be analyzed to develop a school building level report of the number and percentage of teachers rated at each performance rating or level are publicly reported for each school in the LEA for each unified school district.
    3. Information will be posted on the designated web site by June 30, 2010.
    4. Annually the Kansas State Department of Education will conduct this survey and post the results on the Department's webpage by June 30 of each year.
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy – None
d. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is contained in Descriptor (a)(1) through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.
e. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data - The agency has established processes to audit for data quality that will be followed. (see Appendix A) This includes ensuring a 100% response from districts and having forms submitted to Kansas State Department of Education electronically.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

All school districts in Kansas develop their own evaluation instruments and procedures. The Kansas State Department of Education will ensure this survey form is collected and posted annually. By statute, every certified probationary staff member is required to be evaluated (summative and formative) annually.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education will be responsible for collecting the survey. USDs are responsible for developing the evaluation instrument and receive input from teacher organizations and the Kansas Association of School Boards.

Reform Goal A: Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution

Indicator (a)(6)

Description of Indicator

Whether the systems used to evaluate the performance of principals include student achievement outcomes or student growth data as an evaluation criterion

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

Current Kansas law leaves the evaluation of principals up to each local board of education. Each board develops the evaluation instrument and procedures to be followed.

In 2007, the Kansas State Board of Education commissioned the Kansas Educational Leadership Commission. This commission developed 12 recommendations for improvement of educational leadership in Kansas, and one of those recommendations was the development of a statewide framework for administrator evaluation. The State Board adopted the recommendations of the commission. The Commissioner of Education created several design teams composed of educators and stakeholders from throughout the state to develop recommendations for Kansas School Districts. Three administrator evaluation models are currently being piloted in Kansas. The three include an open-ended model, a checklist model, and a blended model. All three pilots can be found at the Kansas Educational Leadership website at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3734.

The purpose of the Kansas Administrator Performance Appraisal System is to encourage best practice in the evaluation and continuous improvement of school administrators in Kansas. This system is to serve as a framework for school districts to use in development of their administrator appraisal practices. Student achievement is one of the criteria that is highly recommended in the principal evaluation system.

Based on this recommendation, Kansas will continue to encourage school districts to include student achievement in their evaluation systems for principals. In addition, the Kansas State Department of Education will conduct a survey of all districts to determine whether they include it in their systems. If districts do include student achievement in their systems, we will post this information on the KSDE website annually, as outlined in the state plan.

a. Estimated date to complete – June 30, 2010.
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process –
    1. A survey of USD's will be developed and sent out by April 30, 2010 to request that unified school districts submit their principal evaluation forms and whether their student growth is an evaluation criterion.
    2. Data from the survey will be analyzed to develop a unified school district level report determining whether principal evaluation systems include student achievement outcomes or student growth data as an evaluation criterion. The survey and request for evaluation forms will be due to Kansas State Department of Education by May 30, 2010.
    3. Information will be posted on the designated web site by June 30, 2010.
    4. Annually the Kansas State Department of Education will conduct this survey and post the results on the Department's webpage by June 30 of each year.
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy - None
d. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is contained in Descriptor (a)(1) through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.
e. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data - The agency has established processes to for data quality that will be followed. (see Appendix A) This includes ensuring a 100% response from districts and having forms submitted to Kansas State Department of Education electronically.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see

Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education will be responsible for developing the survey to collect this information and oversee school districts to ensure the survey is received from all districts.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education will be responsible for developing the survey to collect this information and providing technical assistance to USDs on this collection instrument.

Reform Goal A: Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution

Indicator (a)(7)

Description of Indicator

If the district's principals receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, the number and percentage of principals rated at each performance rating or level

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

Kansas will provide information on principal evaluation rankings in order for their patrons to know how principals are ranked in the district. This type of information will provide a better view of the district.

a. Estimated date to complete and post information – June 30, 2010.
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process –
    1. A survey of unified school districts will be developed and sent out by April 30, 2010 to request that unified school districts submit their principal evaluation forms and if there are performance ratings or level included in the evaluation system. The survey and request for evaluation forms will be due to Kansas State Department of Education by May 30, 2010.
    2. Data from the survey will be analyzed to develop a unified school district level report of the number and percentage of principals rated at each performance rating or level for each unified school district.
    3. Information will be posted on the designated web site by June 30, 2010.
    4. Annually the Kansas State Department of Education will conduct this survey and post the results on the Department's webpage by June 30 of each year.
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy – None
d. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is contained in Descriptor (a)(1) through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.
e. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data - The agency has established processes for data quality that will be followed. (see Appendix A) This includes ensuring a 100% response from districts and having forms submitted to Kansas State Department of Education electronically.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

All school districts in Kansas develop their own evaluation instruments and procedures. The Kansas State Department of Education will ensure this survey form is collected and posted annually.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education will be responsible for collecting the surveys. USDs are responsible for developing the evaluation instrument and receive input from principals organizations and the Kansas Association of School Boards.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(1-1)

Description of Indicator

A unique statewide student identifier that does not permit a student to be individually identified by users of the system described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This indicator has been accomplished by the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Kansas State Department of Education has established processes to ensure data quality for this project.

The Kansas State Department of Education uses current staff to maintain this indicator. The estimated annual cost of maintaining this is approximately $20,400 which is paid from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas School districts participated in an advisory council to assist Kansas State Department of Education in designing and implementing the assignment and tracking process for unique identifiers for P-12 students. Districts continue to provide feedback regarding enhancements to this system as well as the process and schedule for collection. Board of Regents, Juvenile Justice Authority, Social and Rehabilitative Services, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Foster Care System. Kansas State Department of Education has partnered with these agencies to compare our data systems and establish link tables, and the other agencies are moving towards storing the Kansas State Department of Education State Student ID number with their data.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas Board of Regents established a postsecondary identifier in Kansas IHEs, and has collaborated with Kansas State Department of Education in designing the process for assigning and tracking de-identified IDs in our longitudinal data system for Kansas P-20 students.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(1-2)

Description of Indicator

Student-level enrollment, demographic and program participation information as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system.

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This indicator has been accomplished by the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Kansas State Department of Education has established processes to ensure data quality for this project. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education uses current staff to maintain this indicator. The estimated annual cost of maintaining this is approximately $54,000 which is paid from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas School districts participated in an advisory council to assist Kansas State Department of Education in designing and implementing the assignment and tracking process for unique identifiers for P-12 students. Districts continue to provide feedback regarding enhancements to this system as well as the process and schedule for collection. Board of Regents, Juvenile Justice Authority, Social and Rehabilitative Services, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Foster Care System. Kansas State Department of Education has partnered with these agencies to compare our data systems and establish link tables, and the other agencies are moving towards storing the Kansas State Department of Education State Student ID number with their data.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas Board of Regents established a postsecondary identifier in Kansas IHEs, and has collaborated with Kansas State Department of Education in designing the process for assigning and tracking de-identified IDs in our longitudinal data system for Kansas P-20 students.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(1-3)

Description of Indicator

Student-level information about the points at which students exit, transfer in transfer out, or complete P-16 education programs as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This indicator has been accomplished by the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Kansas State Department of Education has established processes to ensure data quality for this project. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education uses current staff to maintain this indicator. The estimated annual cost of maintaining this is approximately $48,000 which is paid from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas School districts participated in an advisory council to assist Kansas State Department of Education in designing and implementing the process for collecting P-12 student level exit, transfer and drop out information. Districts continue to provide feedback regarding enhancements to this system. Kansas Board of Regents has collaborated with state IHEs to collect student level. Kansas State Department of Education and Kansas Board of Regents will collaborate to design the P-20 data mart for storing the data which will be used as the source for this metric, and for posting the data for public access. The Kansas P-20 Council (including representatives from Kansas Board of Regents, Kansas Board of Education, Kansas State Department of Education, Governor's office, the Kansas State legislature, United School Administrators, Department of Commerce, Kansas Parent Teacher Organization, and Kansas Teachers Association) will define the data and calculations needed for this metric. Kansas State Department of Education is working with other state agencies (i.e. Kansas Board of Regents, State Legislature, Legislative Post Audit) to ensure that state-level initiatives related to preschool through postsecondary data initiatives are consistent with the direction specified by the federal government.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas Board of Regents established a postsecondary identifier in Kansas IHEs, and has collaborated with Kansas State Department of Education in designing the process for assigning and tracking de-identified IDs in our longitudinal data system for Kansas P-20 students.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(1-4)

Description of Indicator

The capacity to communicate with higher education data systems as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This indicator has been accomplished by the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Kansas State Department of Education has established processes to ensure data quality for this project. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education uses current staff to maintain this indicator. The estimated annual cost of maintaining this is approximately $20,400 which is paid from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas Board of Regents and the Kansas State Department of Education were involved in the development and oversight of this project.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents worked cooperatively on this project. The two organizations will continue that process and both will be responsible for providing technical assistance to USD's and Institutions of Higher Learning.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(1-5)

Description of Indicator

A state data audit system assessing data quality, validity and reliability as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This indicator has been accomplished by the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Kansas State Department of Education has established processes to ensure data quality for this project. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education uses current staff to maintain this indicator. The estimated annual cost of maintaining this is approximately $69,600 which is paid from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas school districts are involved in the audit of data and in data quality initiatives including the Data Quality Certification program. The Kansas Board of Regents has received funds designated to allow them to establish their own Data Quality Certification program.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents worked cooperatively on this project. The two organizations will continue that process and both will be responsible for providing technical assistance to USD's and Institutions of Higher Learning.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(1-6)

Description of Indicator

Yearly test records of individual students with respect to assessments under section 111(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)) as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This indicator has been accomplished by the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Kansas State Department of Education has established processes to ensure data quality for this project. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education uses current staff to maintain this indicator. The estimated annual cost of maintaining this is approximately $52,800 which is paid from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas State Department of Education's assessment vendor is the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) at the University of Kansas. Kansas State Department of Education and CETE have implemented interoperability processes to integrate assessment results with the longitudinal data system.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation have worked cooperatively on this project. The two organizations will continue that process and both will be responsible for providing technical assistance to USD's and Institutions of Higher Learning.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(1-7)

Description of Indicator

Information on students not tested by grade and subject as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This indicator has been accomplished by the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Kansas State Department of Education has established processes to ensure data quality for this project. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education uses current staff to maintain this indicator. The estimated annual cost of maintaining this is approximately $15,600 which is paid from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas State Department of Education's assessment vendor is the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) at the University of Kansas. Kansas State Department of Education and CETE have implemented interoperability processes to identify and collect information regarding students who do not take state assessments.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation have worked cooperatively on this project. The two organizations will continue that process and both will be responsible for providing technical assistance to USD's and Institutions of Higher Learning.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(1-8)

Description of Indicator

A teacher identifier system with the ability to match teachers to students as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

KSDE implemented Educator IDs in 2007 to replace SSN as the identifier for teacher licensure. Currently KSDE is piloting the student course collection, which will occur at the end of each school year and will collect individual records for each course a student takes, including the Educator ID. The student course collection is expected to be mandatory for all public school students for the 2010-2011 school year.

a. Estimated date to complete – September 30, 2011.
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process
    1. Implement Educator ID system – completed July 31, 2008
    2. Establish standard state course code – completed February 28, 2009
    3. Develop and implement system to collect teacher assignments based on standard course codes – completed October 30, 2009
    4. Develop and pilot system to collect student course completion based on standard course codes – June 30, 2010
    5. Enhance, implement and collect student course completed based on standard course codes – June 30, 2011
    6. Implement Data Mart for connecting teachers to students via standard course codes – September 30, 2011
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy – No state law or policy regulations prohibit this. FERPA prohibits posting the student level information on our public website.
d. The nature and frequency or progress reports the State will provide to the public – Kansas State Department of Education will post quarterly progress regarding this metric on the Kansas State Department of Education public website.
e. The amount of funds the State is using or will use and if these funds are Federal, State or local – Kansas State Department of Education licenses the Educator ID system at a cost of approximately $27,000 annually using state funds. Kansas State Department of Education received a 2007 IES federal grant that funded resources to develop the Kansas Course Code Management System to collect and store course information from schools and districts for approximately $124,000 over the two years. Kansas State Department of Education will implement the data mart to connect teachers to students as part of the Enterprise Data System ongoing maintenance. This data mart will be funded by the state at approximately $50,000.
f. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data – Kansas State Department of Education will use our standard software development methodology for development and implementation of the student course completion collection system. This includes requirements specifications indicating appropriate edits and dependencies for data collection; technical design including master data management requirements for student, organization and course data; and quality assurance testing to verify the functioning of the collection system. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas Board of Regents, Kansas School Districts, and Kansas State Department of Education collaborated to design and implement the Kansas Course Codes based on the NCES Secondary School Course Classification System: School Codes for the Exchange of Data (SCED).

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

Kansas State Department of Education is soliciting input from Kansas school districts and from student information system vendors when designing and implementing the system to collect student course completion data. In addition, Kansas State Department of Education will use standards from the School Interoperability Framework Association (SIFA) as a basis for designing the collection format.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(1-9)

Description of Indicator

Student-level transcript information including information on courses completed and grades earned as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

Currently KSDE is piloting the student course collection, which will occur at the end of each school year and will collect individual records for each course a student takes, including course completion status and grade earned. The student course collection is expected to be mandatory for all public school students for the 2010-2011 school year.

a. Estimated date to complete – September 30, 2011
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process
    1. Establish standard state course codes – completed February 28, 2009
    2. Develop and pilot system to collect student course completion based on standard course codes – June 30, 2010
    3. Enhance, implement and collect student course completed based on standard course codes – June 30, 2011
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy – No state law or policy regulations prohibit this. FERPA prohibits posting the student level information on our public website.
d. The nature and frequency of progress reports the State will provide to the public. – Kansas State Department of Education will post quarterly progress regarding this metric on the public website.
e. The amount of funds the State is using or will use and if these funds are Federal, State, or local – Kansas State Department of Education received a 2007 IES federal grant that will fund resources to develop the student course completion collection system. Those resources are approximately $90,000 over the two years.
f. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance – Kansas State Department of Education will use our standard software development methodology for development and implementation of the student course completion collection system. This includes requirements specifications indicating appropriate edits and dependencies for data collection; technical design including master data management requirements for student, organization and course data; and quality assurance testing to verify the functioning of the collection system. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas Board of Regents, Kansas school districts, and Kansas State Department of Education collaborated to design and implement the Kansas Course Codes based on the NCES Secondary School Course Classification System: School Codes for the Exchange of Data (SCED).

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have the primary oversight of this project. Kansas State Department of Education will solicit input from Kansas school districts and from student information system vendors when designing and implementing the system to collect student course completion data. In addition, Kansas State Department of Education will use standards from the School Interoperability Framework Association (SIFA) as a basis for designing the collection format.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(1-10)

Description of Indicator

Student-level college readiness test scores as described in section 6401 (e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This indicator has been accomplished by the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Kansas State Department of Education has established processes to ensure data quality for this project. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education uses current staff to maintain this indicator. The estimated annual cost of maintaining this is approximately $26,400 which is paid from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas State Department of Education collaborated with the Kansas Board of Regents to obtain the Kansas ACT scores, and to implement the process for matching these longitudinally and storing in our Enterprise Data Warehouse.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

Kansas State Department of Education collaborated with the Kansas Board of Regents to obtain the Kansas ACT scores, and to implement the process for matching these longitudinally and storing in our Enterprise Data Warehouse.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(1-11)

Description of Indicator

Information regarding the extent to which students transition successfully from secondary school to postsecondary education, including whether students enroll in remedial coursework as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

KSDE and the Kansas Board of Regents have linked our two student-level databases and the resulting P-20 data mart will be used to generate metrics about K-12 students' success in postsecondary education. The information in the P-20 data mart will include information regarding postsecondary student enrollment in remedial coursework.

a. Estimated date to complete – March 30, 2011
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process
    1. Gather needed data from Kansas Board of Regents – completed February 28, 2010
    2. Add data to P-20 Data Mart – August 31, 2010
    3. Establish definitions and calculations for postsecondary metrics (P20 Council) – November 30, 2010
    4. Calculate postsecondary metrics based on P20 Council definitions – January 30, 2011
    5. Post results of postsecondary metrics – March, 30, 2011
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy – No state law or policy regulations prohibit this. FERPA prohibits posting the student level information on our public website.
d. The nature and frequency of progress reports the State will provide to the public. – Kansas State Department of Education will post quarterly progress regarding this metric on the public website.
e. The amount of funds the State is using or will use and if these funds are Federal, State, or local. Kansas State Department of Education will implement the data mart to store and display student transition information as part of the Enterprise Data System ongoing maintenance. This data mart will be funded by the state at approximately $80,000.

Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance – Standard Kansas State Department of Education data quality verification processes will be used to review the results. In addition, Kansas State Department of Education will make the data available to Kansas Board of Regents to review before publication. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas school districts participated in an advisory council to assist Kansas State Department of Education in designing and implementing the process for collecting P-12 student level exit and transfer information. Districts continue to provide feedback regarding enhancements to this system. Kansas Board of Regents has collaborated with state IHEs to collect student level data. Kansas State Department of Education and Kansas Board of Regents, will collaborate to design the P-20 data mart for storing the data which will be used as the source for this metric, and for reporting the data. The Kansas P-20 Council, including the Chair of the House Education Committee, Representative of United School Administrators of Kansas, Postsecondary Education, Secretary of Commerce or Designee, Ranking Minority Member of Senate Education Committee, Representative of Kansas Parent Teacher Association, Member of Children's Cabinet – Early Childhood, Higher Ed – Ind. College President, Commissioner of Education, Representative of Kansas Association of School Boards, President and CEOE, Kansas Board of Regents, Chair of Senate Education Committee, Ranking Minority Member of House Education Committee, K-12, Representative of a Kansas Teachers' Association, Governor's Office, will define the calculations needed for this metric.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents worked cooperatively on this project. The two organizations will continue that process and both will be responsible for providing technical assistance to USD's and Institutions of Higher Learning.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(1-12)

Description of Indicator

Other information determined necessary to address alignment and adequate preparation for success in postsecondary education as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

KSDE and the Kansas Board of Regents have linked our two student-level databases and this P-20 data mart will be used to generate metrics about K-12 students' success in postsecondary education. The Gap Analysis being completed by KSDE and KBOR is designed to identify any expectations of postsecondary institutions that are not addressed by the K-12 curriculum. Any modifications to the transition expectations (either K-12 or postsecondary curriculum) which result from the gap analysis will be captured in the data already included in the P-20 data mart.

a. Estimated date to complete – September 30, 2011: Dependent on current gap analysis for alignment. The gap analysis is scheduled for completion by April 30, 2010, this schedule will follow from there.
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process
    1. Design and complete Gap Analysis for alignment – April 30, 2010
    2. Identify information needed based on Gap Analysis – June 30, 2010
    3. Collect and analyze data for curriculum alignment based on Gap Analysis – August 30, 2010
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy. -- No state law or policy regulations prohibit this. FERPA prohibits posting the student level information on our public website.
d. The nature and frequency of progress reports the State will provide to the public -- Kansas State Department of Education will post quarterly progress regarding this metric on the public website.
e. The amount of funds the State is using or will use and if these funds are Federal, State, or local. Kansas State Department of Education will implement the data mart to store and display information related to alignment and adequate preparation as part of the Enterprise Data System ongoing maintenance. This data mart will be funded by the state at $50,000. The Gap Analysis is funded through a $25,000 grant from the Kansas Health Foundation.
f. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data. -- Standard Kansas State Department of Education data quality verification processes will be used to review the results. (see Appendix A) In addition, Kansas State Department of Education will make the data available to Kansas Board of Regents to review before publication.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas Board of Regents, Kansas school districts, and Kansas State Department of Education will collaborate to design and implement the Gap Analysis and the data needed to analyze the alignment of K-12 and postsecondary education. This work is directed by and will report to the Kansas P-20 Council, which includes representatives from Kansas Board of Regents, KBOE, Governor's office, and the state legislature.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents worked cooperatively on this project. The two organizations will continue that process and both will be responsible for providing technical assistance to USD's and Institutions of Higher Learning.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(2)

Description of Indicator

Whether the State provides student growth data on their current students and the students they taught in the previous year to, at a minimum, teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects in a manner that is timely and informs instructional programs

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This indicator has been accomplished by the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Kansas State Department of Education has established processes to ensure data quality for this project. (see Appendix A)

Current Kansas State Department of Education and Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $3,000 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.

Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation is paid a contracted amount to administer the total assessment program, therefore a breakdown of that cost is not available.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education's assessment vendor is the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) at the University of Kansas. Kansas State Department of Education and CETE have implemented interoperability processes to integrate assessment results with the longitudinal data system.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation worked cooperatively on this project. The two organizations will continue that process and both will be responsible for providing technical assistance to USD's and Institutions of Higher Learning.

Reform Goal B: Improving Collection and Use of Data

Indicator (b)(3)

Description of Indicator

Whether the State provides teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects with reports of individual teacher impact on student achievement on those assessments

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This indicator has been accomplished by the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Kansas State Department of Education has established processes to ensure data quality for this project. (see Appendix A)

Current Kansas State Department of Education and Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $3,000 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.

Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation is paid a contracted amount to administer the total assessment program, therefore a breakdown of that cost is not available.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas State Department of Education's assessment vendor is the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) at the University of Kansas. Kansas State Department of Education and CETE have implemented interoperability processes to integrate assessment results with the longitudinal data system.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation cooperatively on this project. The two organizations will continue that process and both will be responsible for providing technical assistance to USD's and Institutions of Higher Learning.

Reform Goal C: Standards and Assessments

Indicator (c)(1)

Description of Indicator

The approval status, as determined by the Department, of the State's assessment system under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA with respect to reading/language arts, mathematics, and science assessments

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

The information posted on the U.S. Department of Education website is correct.

a. Estimated date to complete -- The U.S. Department of Education issued a letter on January 08, 2009 in which it stated that the "Kansas' assessment system met the requirements to be considered *Fully Approved.*" The letter indicated the approval was for the reading and mathematics assessments and the alternate assessments in reading and mathematics. The science assessment has been submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, but is not approved yet. The Kansas State Department of Education posts the approval letters on its website at: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4160.
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process. -- All requested materials have been submitted to the USED regarding the science for the Peer Reviews. At this time, we are waiting for a final decision from the USED regarding the assessment.
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy -- If the USED does not approve the science assessment, revisions of this assessment will be necessary.
d. The nature and frequency of progress reports the State will provide to the public -- The decision letters are posted on the USDE website. The Kansas State Department of Education will post the U.S. Department of Education listing of this indicator and the status on the Kansas State Department of Education website.
e. Current Kansas State Department of Education and Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $3,000 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds. This does not include costs for developing assessments.
f. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data. -- The agency has established processes to ensure data quality. (see Appendix A)

Whenever the standards or assessments are changed, Kansas State Department of Education will submit appropriate materials to the USED for additional Peer Review.

The USED decision letters are posted on the KSDE website at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4160.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation and the Kansas State Department of Education were involved in the development and oversight of this project.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation worked cooperatively on this project. The two organizations will continue that process and both will be responsible for providing technical assistance to USD's and Institutions of Higher Learning.

Reform Goal C: Standards and Assessments

Indicator (c)(2)

Description of Indicator

Whether the State has developed and implemented valid and reliable alternate assessments for students with disabilities that are approved by the Department

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This indicator has been accomplished by the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Kansas State Department of Education has established processes to ensure data quality for this information. (see Appendix A)

The information is located is on the Kansas State Department of Education website at Kansas Alternate Assessments, http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2351.

The Kansas State Department of Education posts the approval letters on its website at: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4160.

Current Kansas State Department of Education and Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in providing this information is approximately $300 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds. This cost does not include the development of the assessment program.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees this project.

Kansas State Department of Education and the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation were involved in the development and oversight of this project.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation worked cooperatively on this project. The two organizations will continue that process and both will be responsible for providing technical assistance to USD's and Institutions of Higher Learning.

Reform Goal C: Standards and Assessments

Indicator (c)(3)

Description of Indicator

The State's alternate assessments for students with disabilities, if approved by the Department, are based on grade-level, modified, or alternate academic achievement standards

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This indicator has been accomplished by the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Kansas State Department of Education has established processes to ensure data quality for this information. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education has an assessment based on alternate achievement standards and an assessment based on modified achievement standards. Both are approved by the U.S. Department of Education and have gone through the Peer Review. The information is located on the Kansas State Department of Education website, under the heading Kansas Assessment Information and the two links: Kansas Alternate Assessments and Extended Standards and Kansas Assessment of Modified Measures (KAMM) at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2351. The Kansas State Department of Education posts the approval letters on its website at: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4160.

Current Kansas State Department of Education and Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in providing this information is approximately $300 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees this project.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation were involved in the development and oversight of this project.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data. Technical assistance is provided by use of instructional manuals, training sessions, webinars, and staff assistance by email or telephone.

Reform Goal C: Standards and Assessments

Indicator (c)(4)

Description of Indicator

An analysis of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the accommodations provided to students with disabilities to ensure their meaningful participation in State assessments can be analyzed at the state and district level.

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This indicator has been accomplished by the Kansas State Department of Education. The website is located at "Accommodations Study" http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2372.

The Kansas State Department of Education has established processes to ensure data quality. (see Appendix A)

Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in providing this information is approximately $300 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the development, execution and oversight of this analysis.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and providing any technical assistance to LEAs.

Reform Goal C: Standards and Assessments

Indicator (c)(5)

Description of Indicator

The number and percentage of students with disabilities who are included in State reading/language arts and mathematics assessments

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

The Kansas State Department annually collects this information. We posted the 2008-09 information on the Kansas State Department of Education website under the SFSF Indicator (c)(5) at http://ww.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918, which links to the USED site. Annual updates will be completed to ensure the USED site is current.

The amount of funds the State is using or will use and if these funds are Federal, State, or local. – This information is gathered by current staff members in the Kansas State Department of Education, including the Teacher Education and Licensure Team and the Information Technology Team. There are not additional costs associated with the collection of this information.

The agency has established processes to ensure data quality and will follow those procedures in collecting this information. (see Appendix A)

Current Kansas State Department of Education and Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $1,200 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data. The Kansas State Department of Education has processes which ensure data quality and that all USD's report.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data. Technical assistance is provided by use of instructional manuals, training sessions, webinars, and staff assistance by email or telephone.

Reform Goal C: Standards and Assessments

Indicator (c)(6)

Description of Indicator

Whether the State has completed, within the last two years, an analysis of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the accommodations it provides limited English proficient students to ensure their meaningful participation in State assessments

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

Numerous accommodations are always available to English language Learners in Kansas when they participate in the state reading, mathematics and science assessments. No study was completed, within the last two years, to determine the effectiveness of those accommodations.

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) Accountability Governance Board will review and determine appropriate changes in accommodations for English Language Learners

No formal analysis of accommodations for English Language Learners (ELLs) has been conducted in the previous two years. We did review the research on accommodations for ELLs released at the last USED LEP Partnership meeting with the Kansas allowable accommodations to ensure the ones that are effective are available to Kansas students. The accommodations were already allowed.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees this project and is responsible for its development.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan. The Kansas State Department of Education provides technical assistance by use of instructional manuals, training sessions, webinars, and staff assistance by email or telephone.

Reform Goal C: Standards and Assessments

Indicator (c)(7)

Description of Indicator

Whether the State provides native language versions of State assessments for limited English proficient students that are approved by the Department

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

The Kansas assessments in mathematics and science are available in Spanish and English. The U.S. Department of Education approved the Kansas mathematics assessment; the science assessment is currently going through Peer Review. The letter regarding the mathematics assessment is posted at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4160. It does not specifically mention the Spanish assessment; however, it states that the mathematics and reading assessments are approved.

Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $6,000 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees this project and its development.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this project. The Kansas State Department of Education provides technical assistance to LEAs by use of instructional manuals, training sessions, webinars, and staff assistance by email or telephone.

Reform Goal C: Standards and Assessments

Indicator (c)(8)

Description of Indicator

The number and percentage of limited English proficient students who are included in State reading/language arts and mathematics assessments

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

The information for this indicator is contained on the Kansas State Department of Education website at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918, under indicator (c)(8). In addition, the school, district, and building report cards and the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations include data on participation and performance of English Language Learners (ELLs) on the state assessments. The report cards are available on the Kansas State Department of Education website at http://online.ksde.org/rcard/.

Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $750 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data. The Kansas State Department of Education has processes which ensure data quality. (see Appendix A) The Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation collaborated with the Kansas State Department of Education on the data collection.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data with assistance from the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation. Technical assistance is provided by use of instructional manuals, training sessions, webinars, and staff assistance by email or telephone.

Reform Goal C: Standards and Assessments

Indicator (c)(9)

Description of Indicator

Whether the State's annual State Report Card (under section 1111(h)(1) of the ESEA) contains the most recent available State reading and mathematics National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) results as required by 34 CFR 200.11(c)

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

a. The 2008-09 report cards contain the 2007 NAEP results which is the latest available results. They are available on the state, district and school pages. When updated NAEP data is released by the U.S. Department of Education it will be used in the report cards. The Kansas State Department of Education webpage for this information is located at: http://online.ksde.org/rcard/naep.aspx?org.
b. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including by not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy – None
c. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $750 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.
d. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data – The agency has established processes for data quality that will be followed. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data. The Kansas State Department of Education has processes which ensure data quality.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data.

Reform Goal C: Standards and Assessments

Indicator (c)(10)

Description of Indicator

The number and percentage of students who graduate from high school using a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate as required by 34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i)

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

We currently report graduation data; however, we are revising the business rules in order to meet all the requirements of the new Title I regulations. The new graduation rate goals, targets, etc. will be implemented with the 2010 graduates.

These new changes will be gathered during the 2010-11 school year and the first report will be completed by September 30, 2011.

Graduation data is currently posted on the Kansas State Department of Education website in the state, district and building report cards at http://online.ksde.org/rcard/. When we shift to the new calculations, we will make any appropriate adjustments in the data on the website.

Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $9,000 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data. The Kansas State Department of Education has processes which ensure data quality and that all USD's report the graduation data. (see Appendix A)

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data. The Kansas State Department of Education provides technical assistance to USD's by use of instructional manuals, training sessions, webinars, and staff assistance by email or telephone.

Reform Goal C: Standards and Assessments

Indicator (c)(11)

Description of Indicator

Of the students who graduate from high school consistent with 34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i), the number and percentage who enroll in an institution of higher education (IHE) (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA)) within 16 months of receiving a regular high school diploma

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

KSDE and the Kansas Board of Regents have linked our two student-level databases and this P-20 data mart will be used to determine the number and percent of students who enroll in an institution of higher education in Kansas within 16 months of receiving a regular high school diploma. KSDE will also seek funds that would enable us to work with the National Student Clearinghouse to determine this same information for postsecondary institutions outside Kansas.

a. Estimated date to complete: the development of capacity to report this information: September 30, 2011. (Annually reporting will be later.)
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process
    1. Include postsecondary enrollment data in P-20 data mart – January 2010 – COMPLETED.
    2. Establish needed definitions and calculations and gain P-20 Council Approval – January 2011
    3. Calculate college enrollment metrics based on P-20 Council approved definitions – June 2011
    4. Post results of college enrollment metrics – September 2011
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy. No state law or policy regulations prohibit this. FERPA prohibits posting the student level information on our public website.
d. The nature and frequency of progress reports the State will provide to the public. The webpage displaying information to the public will also contain descriptions of how each metric was calculated; including how the data was collected, all pertinent definitions, and the specifics of the mathematics used to obtain the final figures.
e. The posting of results on September 30th, 2011 will be actual data rather than a pilot or example. Since the process involves connecting existing data and running calculations on this, there should be no need to limit the data used for initial posting.
f. The amount of funds the State is using or will use and if these funds are Federal, State, or local. Kansas State Department of Education will implement the data mart to store and display information related to postsecondary enrollment. This data mart will be funded by the state at $50,000. In order to include information on nonpublic IHEs in Kansas not under the oversight of the Board of Regents and/or IHEs outside of Kansas, an additional $65,000 will be needed. KSDE has included this amount in the ARRA IES Grant application. If the grant is not awarded to Kansas in June 2010, KSDE will request these additional funds from the State Legislature.
g. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data -- The agency has established processes to audit for data quality that will be followed. (see Appendix A)

Standard Kansas State Department of Education data quality verification processes will be used to review the results. In addition, Kansas State Department of Education will make the data available to KBOR to review before publication.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents oversees the collection and posting of the data. The Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents have processes which ensure data quality.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents have oversight of this plan and the gathering of data. The Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents provide technical assistance by use of instructional manuals, training sessions, webinars, and staff assistance by email or telephone.

Reform Goal C: Standards and Assessments

Indicator (c)(12)

Description of Indicator

Of the students who graduate from high school consistent with 34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i) who enroll in a public IHE (as defined in section 101(a) of the HEA) in the State within 16 months of receiving a regular high school diploma, the number and percentage who complete at least one year's worth of college credit (applicable to a degree) within two years of enrollment in the IHE

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

KSDE and the Kansas Board of Regents have linked our two student-level databases and this P-20 data mart will be used to determine the number and percent of students who enroll in an institution of higher education in Kansas within 16 months of receiving a regular high school diploma and who complete at least one year's worth of college credit within two years.

a. Estimated date to complete: the development of capacity to report this information: September 30, 2011. (Actual reporting will be later.)
b. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process
    1. Include postsecondary enrollment and course completion data in P-20 data mart – January 2010 – COMPLETED.
    2. Establish needed definitions and calculations and gain P-20 Council Approval – January 2011
    3. Calculate college enrollment and course completion metrics based on P-20 Council approved definitions – June 2011
    4. Post results of college enrollment and course completion metrics – September 2011
c. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including but not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy. No obstacles.
d. The nature and frequency of progress reports the State will provide to the public. The Kansas State Department of Education will report quarterly on the progress of meeting this indicator. The webpage displaying information to the public will also contain descriptions of how each metric was calculated; including how the data was collected, all pertinent definitions, and the specifics of the mathematics used to obtain the final figures.
e. The posting of results on September 30th, 2011 will be actual data rather than a pilot or example. Since the process involves connecting existing data and running calculations on this, there should be no need to limit the data used for initial posting.
f. The amount of funds the State is using or will use and if these funds are Federal, State, or local. Kansas State Department of Education will implement the data mart to store and display information related to postsecondary credit completion. This data mart will be funded by the state at $50,000.
g. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data. Standard Kansas State Department of Education data quality verification processes will be used to review the results. (see Appendix A) In addition, Kansas State Department of Education will make the data available to KBOR for review before publication.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

Kansas Board of Regents and the Kansas State Department of Education are involved in the development and oversight of this project.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents worked cooperatively on this project. The two organizations will continue that process and both will be responsible for providing technical assistance to USD's and Institutions of Higher Learning.

Reform Goal D: Supporting Struggling Schools

Indicator (d)(1)

Description of Indicator

The average statewide school gain in the "all students" category and the average statewide school gain for each student subgroup (as under section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) of the ESEA) on the State assessments in reading/language arts, and the number and percentage of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that have made progress on State assessments in reading/language arts, in the last year

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

We collect this data each year in October from state report card. This information is posted at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(1).

- Average Statewide gain in "all students" category and the average school gain for each student subgroup in reading.
- The number and percentage of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that have made progress on the State assessments in reading/language arts in the last year.

We will update the Kansas State Department of Education website annually.

Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $3,000 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data. The Kansas State Department of Education has processes which ensure data quality for this project. (see Appendix A)

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data. The Kansas State Department of Education provides technical assistance to LEAs by use of instructional manuals, training sessions, webinars, and staff assistance by email or telephone.

Reform Goal D: Supporting Struggling Schools

Descriptor (d)(1)

Description of Indicator

The definition of "persistently lowest-achieving schools" that the State uses to identify such schools

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

The Kansas State Department of Education determined the definition of "persistently lowest-achieving schools." The definition is posted on the Kansas State Department of Education website at: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under descriptor (d)(1).

Current Kansas State Department of Education staff implemented this descriptor. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $1,200 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees this project.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data for the lowest achieving schools.

Reform Goal D: Supporting Struggling Schools

Indicator (d)(2)

Description of Indicator

The average statewide school gain in the "all students" category and the average statewide school gain for each student subgroup (as under section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) of the ESEA) on State assessments in mathematics, and the number and percentage of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that have made progress on State assessments in mathematics, in the last year

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

The report cards for this information were released at the October, 2009 State Board of Education. The following information was posted to the Kansas State Department of Education website: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(2). It includes:

- Average statewide gain in "all students" category and the average school gain for each student subgroup in math.
- The number and percentage of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that have made progress on the State assessments in reading/language arts in the last year.

Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $3,000 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data. The Kansas State Department of Education has processes which ensure data quality. (see Appendix A)

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data. The Kansas State Department of Education provides technical assistance by use of instructional manuals, training sessions, webinars, and staff assistance by email or telephone.

Reform Goal D: Supporting Struggling Schools

Indicator (d)(3)

Description of Indicator

The number and identity of the schools that are Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that are identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This data was collected after the September, 2009 Kansas State Board of Education meeting. The Kansas State Department of Education updated their website with the latest data after the definition of persistently lowest-achieving schools was established. This information is posted at: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(3).

Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $1,200 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data. The Kansas State Department of Education has processes which ensure data quality. (see Appendix A)

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data.

Reform Goal D: Supporting Struggling Schools

Indicator (d)(4)

Description of Indicator

Of the persistently lowest-achieving schools that are Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, the number and identity of those schools that have been turned around, restarted, closed, or transformed (as defined in this notice) in the last year

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

The Kansas State Department of Education determined the schools that fell under the lowest achieving schools definition and have posted those at: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(4).

a. The nature and frequency of progress reports the State will provide to the public – Annually
b. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $300 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state and federal funds.
c. The Kansas State Department of Education will follow procedures to ensure quality data. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data. The Kansas State Department of Education has processes which ensure data quality.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data.

Reform Goal D: Supporting Struggling Schools

Indicator (d)(5)

Description of Indicator

The number and identity of the schools that are secondary schools that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I funds that are identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

The Kansas State Department of Education determined the secondary schools that fell under the lowest achieving schools definition and have posted those at: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(5).

Initially, the definition for identifying secondary schools as persistently lowest-achieving only included those schools that were eligible for Title I but did not receive Title I funds. Since then, the US Department of Education is permitting states to request waivers from the US Department of Education which expanded the pool of secondary schools to include schools that are also eligible and receiving Title I funds. Kansas requested that waiver; therefore, the following list of secondary schools include both those receiving Title I funds and those that are eligible but do not receive funds.

The nature and frequency of progress reports the State will provide to the public -- Annually

Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $1,500 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will follow standard procedures for quality data. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data.

Reform Goal D: Supporting Struggling Schools

Indicator (d)(6)

Description of Indicator

Of the persistently lowest-achieving schools that are secondary schools that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I funds, the number and identity of those schools that have been turned around, restarted, closed, or transformed in the last year

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

Since this is the first time that the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) has identified the persistently lowest-achieving secondary schools, no schools have been turned around, restarted, closed or transformed in the last year. The KSDE will track the secondary schools on the list and annually report if they have turned around, restarted, closed or transformed in the last year.

The information will be posted at: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(6).

a. The nature and frequency of progress reports the State will provide to the public -- Annually
b. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $1,500 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state and federal funds.
c. The Kansas State Department of Education will follow standard procedures for quality data. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data. The Kansas State Department of Education has standard processes which ensure data quality.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data. The Kansas State Department of Education provides technical assistance to USDs by use of instructional manuals, training sessions, webinars, and staff assistance by email or telephone.

Reform Goal D: Supporting Struggling Schools

Indicator (d)(7)

Description of Indicator

The number of charter schools that are currently permitted to operate under State law

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

Under Kansas law, there are no limits to the number of charter schools that can operate. Procedures are established in state law which details the procedures schools need to follow in order to establish a charter school. This information is posted at: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 under indicator (d)(7).

Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in providing this information is approximately $150 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state and federal funds.

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data.

Reform Goal D: Supporting Struggling Schools

Indicator (d)(8)

Description of Indicator

The number of charter schools currently operating

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

The number and names of Kansas Charter Schools are located at:
http://www.ksde.org/Defult.aspx?tabid=449#sfsf.

a. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process -- We will post information on the Kansas State Department of Education website annually.
b. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including by not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy – None
c. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $150 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state and federal funds.
d. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data.

Reform Goal D: Supporting Struggling Schools

Indicator (d)(9)

Description of Indicator

The number and percentage of charter schools that have made progress on State assessments in reading/language arts in the last year

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

The number and percentage of charter schools is posted to the Kansas State Department of Education website at: http://www.ksde.org/Defult.aspx?tabid=449#sfsf.

a. This information will be posted on the Kansas State Department of Education website annually.
b. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including by not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy – None
c. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $1,200 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state and federal funds.
d. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data. The Kansas State Department of Education has processes which ensure data quality.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data and provides technical assistance to charter schools.

Reform Goal D: Supporting Struggling Schools

Indicator (d)(10)

Description of Indicator

The number and percentage of charter schools that have made progress on State assessments in mathematics in the last year

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

The number and percentage of charter schools is posted to the Kansas State Department of Education website at: http://www.ksde.org/Defult.aspx?tabid=449#sfsf.

a. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process – This information will be posted on the Kansas State Department of Education website annually.
b. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including by not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy – None
c. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $1,200 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state and federal funds.
d. Review processes Kansas State Department of Education will follow for quality assurance of data, (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data.

Reform Goal D: Supporting Struggling Schools

Indicator (d)(11)

Description of Indicator

The number and identity of charter schools that have closed (including schools that were not reauthorized to operate) within each of the last five years

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This information is posted on the Kansas State Department of Education website at: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918, under indicator (d)(11). This information will be updated annually.

a. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including by not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy – None
b. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $300 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state and federal funds.
c. Kansas State Department of Education will follow standard procedures for quality data. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data.

Reform Goal D: Supporting Struggling Schools

Indicator (d)(12)

Description of Indicator

For each charter school that has closed (including a school that was not reauthorized to operate) within each of the last five years, whether the closure of the school was for financial, enrollment, academic, or other reasons

Description of Process for Collection and Reporting the Required Information (timelines, obstacles, funding, etc.)

This information is posted on the Kansas State Department of Education website at: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918, under indicator (d)(12). This information will be updated annually.

a. Detailed milestones and timelines to meet the milestones involved in this process -- We will have this information posted on the Kansas State Department of Education website annually.
b. Any obstacles that may prevent the State from developing and implementing, including by not limited to requirements and prohibitions of State law and policy
   None
c. The nature and frequency of progress reports the State will provide to the public -- Once a year
d. Current Kansas State Department of Education staff will implement this indicator. The estimated cost of staff involved in gathering, analyzing, and providing this information is approximately $300 through September 30, 2011. The funding for this staff comes from state and federal funds.
e. Kansas State Department of Education will follow standard procedures for quality assurance of data and will modify the school closing form to collect this data. (see Appendix A)

The Kansas State Department of Education will have a separate webpage to display information for the public. The data on that webpage will be updated based on the timeframe in each indicator. For additional information, see Appendix C.

Description of Agency or Agencies Involved in this Development, Execution, or Oversight of the State Plan for Data Collection and Reporting.

The Kansas State Department of Education oversees the collection and posting of the data.

Description of Agency or Agencies, Institutions, or Organizations, if any, Providing Technical Assistance or Other Support in the Development, Execution, and Oversight of this Plan and the Nature of Such Technical Assistance or the Support.

The Kansas State Department of Education has oversight of this plan and the gathering of data.

Appendix A

Kansas State Department of Education
Review of Data Collection and Data Quality Procedures

The Kansas State Department of Education has initiated numerous procedures to ensure data quality. The staff follows generally accepted methods in collecting and validating data. Listed below are some of the procedures and what KSDE does to ensure accurate data.

- KSDE's data collection and reporting systems include numerous validity and edit checks, and data cannot be submitted until it passes these checks. Also as part of the data submission process, schools and districts are provided with tools for reviewing and analyzing their own data before submitting it to KSDE. These tools include aggregate data with drill down to individual student data, business rules, calculators, and specific "how to check" guidance. In addition, KSDE program staff compare data submitted by schools to previous years data, and contact the schools when the discrepancy is above a designated threshold, providing them with information to validate the quality of their data.
- Each year KSDE's Data Governance Board, through its Data Audit Program, directs the completion of statistical audits of data submitted by districts to determine potential errors and discrepancies. Identified issues can result in further edits in the collection systems, targeted assistance to the schools, enhancements to KSDE's communication and training, and implementation or modification policies.
- KSDE's audit staff audits the enrollment data submitted by each school. The auditors visit each school and compare the individual student data submitted to the actual records of the school. This includes student demographic data, enrollment data, and program participation data. Errors are submitted to KSDE's KIDS system as audit records, and reports are modified based on audit findings. KBOR has received funds specifically designated to allow them to establish their own Data Quality Certification program.
- In order to improve data quality at the data source, KSDE initiated the Data Quality Certification (DQC) Program in 2006 with Data Entry and Data Coordinator certification tracks. The DQC Task Force has expanded the DQC program to include Administrator, Assessment/Accountability Coordinator, and Enrollment/Transportation Coordinator certification tracks as well as recertification tracks for the initial certification areas. Planning is underway for Special Education Coordinator, Career and Technical Education Coordinator, and Postsecondary Data Coordinator tracks as well as for recertification tracks for Administrator, Assessment/Accountabilitiy Coordinator, and Enrollment/Transportation Coordinator. All tracks have been well attended and studies are underway to evaluate the degree to which the program improves data quality.
- A Business Intelligence (BI) Evaluation Criteria document was developed by the KSDE BI Manager. It outlines a BI implementation strategy, identifies the BI tool requirements of initial stakeholders, presents a screening matrix to guide tool selection, and reviews the leading BI suites available for selection by KSDE. KSDE selected Microsoft SharePoint and PerformancePoint based upon criteria in the document.
- To increase data security, a Data Access and Use Handbook was completed and approved by the KSDE Data Governance Board (DGB) in the fall of 2008. In addition, the KSDE Data Use and Access Policy was reviewed by KSDE legal counsel and by staff, and updates were approved and implemented in the summer of 2008. Also to increase security, KSDE identified the authentication roles to be used for access to BI solutions. The roles became enhancements to KSDE's Common Authentication System in the 2008-09 school year. KBOR developed similar policies in 2009.

- To ensure sustainability for its data system, KSDE built internal capacity in data warehouse development by sending its staff for training, forming in-house project groups/think tanks, and allowing staff with knowledge of the "business" of education at KSDE, rather than contractors, to design and build the warehouse and supporting tools.
- In 2006, KSDE initiated the Enterprise Data System (EDS) Task Force, made up of data users and data owners across the agency. The mission of this task force was to provide guidance regarding data initiatives across all program areas. That task force has evolved into KSDE's Data Governance program, which has been used as a model for a number of other states' education agencies. The program consists of the Data Governance Board (DGB), made up of director-level data owners from across the agency; the Data Request Review Board, a subset of the DGB with specific responsibility to manage the large volume of data requests received at KSDE; and the Data Steward Workgroup, made up of individuals with data stewardship responsibilities across the agency.

Appendix B

FERPA Guidelines Established by the Kansas State Department of Education

The Kansas State Department of Education ensures the information presented to the public on its website and in any Kansas State Department of Education publication is FERPA compliant by presenting only aggregate-level data that has been reviewed to ensure it does not enable any single student to be personally identified. Table cells containing numbers greater than zero but less than 10 are masked and reported as "> 0 and < 10." Further, the data available is cross-checked for the potential ability to determine individual student data by comparing separate tables or reports. The Kansas State Department of Education Data Governance Board has also established best practices for the type of disaggregation that is appropriate at each level of reporting (State versus District versus School).

APPENDIX C

Separate Webpage for the Identification and Displaying of Four Reform Goal Indicators/Descriptors

The Kansas State Department has established a separate webpage for the displaying of the indicators and descriptors required in the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, Phase II Application. The webpage can be accessed at: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3918 The page will list each indicator/descriptor and the data that are available for each indicator. As information becomes available, KSDE will update that page with the latest data available. In addition, the Kansas Plan to meet the indicators will be displayed on this page. The public has complete access to the information. Listed below is a sample screenshot of the webpage.

U.S. Department of Education Four Reform Goals and Required Indicators

Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution (education reform area (a))

View Indicators for this reform goal →

Improving Collection and Use of Data (education reform area (b))

View Indicators for this reform goal →

Standards and Assessments (education reform area (c))

View Indicators for this reform goal →

Supporting Struggling Schools (education reform are (d))

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Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution (education reform area (a))		
Indicator (a)(1) Posted 1/25/2010	The number and percentage of core academic courses taught, in the highest-poverty and lowest-poverty schools, by teachers who are highly qualified consistent with section 9101(23) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA)	**Courses Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers**
Descriptor (a)(1)	The systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers	**Projected Completion Date June 30, 2010**
Indicator (a)(2)	Whether the State's Teacher Equity Plan (as part of the State's Highly Qualified Teacher Plan) fully reflects the steps the State is currently taking to ensure that students from low-income families and minority students are not taught at higher rates than other students by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers (as required in section 1111(b)(8)(C) of the ESEA)	**Kansas Plan**

Descriptor (a)(2)	The systems used to evaluate the performance of principals	**Projected Completion Date June 30, 2010**
Indicator (a)(3)	Whether the systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers include student achievement outcomes or student growth data as an evaluation criterion	**Projected Completion Date June 30, 2010**
Indicator (a)(5)	If the district's teachers receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, whether the number and percentage of teachers rated at each performance rating or level are publicly reported for each school in the LEA	**Projected Completion Date June 30, 2010**
Indicator (a)(6)	Whether the systems used to evaluate the performance of principals include student achievement outcomes or student growth data as an evaluation criterion	**Projected Completion Date June 30, 2010**
Indicator (a)(7)	If the district's principals receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, the number and percentage of principals rated at each performance rating or level	**Projected Completion Date June 30, 2010**

Improving Collection and Use of Data (education reform area (b))

Indicator (b)(1)	Which of the 12 elements described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system	**See Each Element**
Indicator (b)(1-1)	A unique statewide student identifier that does not permit a student to be individually identified by users of the system described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system	**Completed**
Indicator (b)(1-2)	Student-level enrollment , demographic, and program participation information as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system	**Completed**
Indicator (b)(1-3)	Student-level information about the points at which students exit, transfer in transfer out, drop out, or complete P-16 education programs as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's	**Completed**

	statewide longitudinal data system	
Indicator (b)(1-4)	The capacity to communicate with higher education data systems as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system	**Completed**
Indicator (b)(1-5)	A state data audit system assessing data quality, validity, and reliability as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system	**Completed**
Indicator (b)(1-6)	Yearly test records of individual students with respect to assessments under section 111(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)) as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system	**Completed**
Indicator (b)(1-7)	Information on students not tested by grade and subject as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system	**Completed**
Indicator (b)(1-8)	A teacher identifier system with the ability to match teachers to students as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system	**Projected Completion Date Sept. 30, 2011**
Indicator (b)(1-9)	Student-level transcript information including information on courses completed and grades earned as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system	**Projected Completion Date Sept. 30, 2011**
Indicator (b)(1-10)	Student-level college readiness test scores as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system	**Completed**
Indicator (b)(1-11)	Information regarding the extent to which students transition successfully from secondary school to postsecondary education, including whether students enroll in remedial coursework as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system	**Projected Completion Date March 30, 2011**

Indicator (b)(1-12)	Other information determined necessary to address alignment and adequate preparation for success in postsecondary education as described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871) are included in the State's statewide longitudinal data system	**Projected Completion Date Sept. 30, 2011**
Indicator (b)(2)	Whether the State provides student growth data on their current students and the students they taught in the previous year to, at a minimum, teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects in a manner that is timely and informs instructional programs	**Explanation of the Reporting Tools for Student Performance**
Indicator (b)(3)	Whether the State provides teachers of reading/language arts and mathematics in grades in which the State administers assessments in those subjects with reports of individual teacher impact on student achievement on those assessments	**Explanation of the Reporting Tools for Student Performance**

Standards and Assessments (education reform area (c))

Indicator (c)(1)	The approval status, as determined by the Department, of the State's assessment system under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA with respect to reading/language arts, mathematics, and science assessments	**Approval Letter From USDE**
Indicator (c)(2)	Whether the State has developed and implemented valid and reliable alternate assessments for students with disabilities that are approved by the Department	**Kansas Alternative Assessment** **Approval Letter From USDE**
Indicator (c)(3)	Whether the State's alternate assessments for students with disabilities, if approved by the Department, are based on grade-level, modified, or alternate academic achievement standards	**Kansas Alternative Assessment** **Approval Letter From USDE**
Indicator (c)(4)	Whether the State has completed, within the last two years, an analysis of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the accommodations it provides students with disabilities to ensure their meaningful participation in State assessments	**Assessment Accommodations**
Indicator (c)(5)	The number and percentage of students with disabilities who are included in State reading/language arts and mathematics	**Disabled Students Included in Assessments (Reading) (Math)**

	assessments	
Indicator (c)(6)	Whether the State has completed, within the last two years, an analysis of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the accommodations it provides limited English proficient students to ensure their meaningful participation in State assessments	**Status of Native Language Versions**
Indicator (c)(7)	Whether the State provides native language versions of State assessments for limited English proficient students that are approved by the Department	**State Assessments-Native Language**
Indicator (c)(8)	The number and percentage of limited English proficient students who are included in State reading/language arts and mathematics assessments	**Number of LEP Students In Assessments**
Indicator (c)(9)	Whether the State's annual State Report Card (under section 1111(h)(1) of the ESEA) contains the most recent available State reading and mathematics National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) results as required by 34 CFR 200.11(c)	**NAEP Results**
Indicator (c)(10)	The number and percentage of students who graduate from high school using a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate as required by 34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i)	**Cohort Graduation Rate**
Indicator (c)(11)	Of the students who graduate from high school consistent with 34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i), the number and percentage who enroll in an institution of higher education (IHE) (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA)) within 16 months of receiving a regular high school diploma	**Projected Completion Date for Capacity To Report Sept. 30, 2011**
Indicator (c)(12)	Of the students who graduate from high school consistent with 34 CFR 200.19(b)(1)(i) who enroll in a public IHE (as defined in section 101(a) of the HEA) in the State within 16 months of receiving a regular high school diploma, the number and percentage who complete at least one year's worth of college credit (applicable to a degree) within two years of enrollment in the IHE	**Projected Completion Date for Capacity To Report Sept. 30, 2011**

Supporting Struggling Schools (education reform area (d))

Indicator (d)(1)	The average statewide school gain in the "all students" category and the average statewide school gain for each student subgroup (as under section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) of the ESEA) on the State assessments in reading/language arts, and the number and percentage of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that have made progress on State assessments in reading/language arts, in the last year	**Average Statewide School Gain - Read/Language Arts**
Descriptor (d)(1)	The definition of "persistently lowest achieving schools" that the state uses to identify such schools.	**Explanation Memo to Schools** **Persistently Lowest-Achieving School**
Indicator (d)(2)	The average statewide school gain in the "all students" category and the average statewide school gain for each student subgroup (as under section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) of the ESEA) on State assessments in mathematics, and the number and percentage of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that have made progress on State assessments in mathematics, in the last year	**Average Statewide School Gain - Mathematics**
Indicator (d)(3)	The number and identity of the schools that are Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that are identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools	**School Intervention Models**
Indicator (d)(4)	Indicator (d)(4) Of the persistently lowest-achieving schools that are Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, the number and identity of those schools that have been turned around, restarted, closed, or transformed (as defined in this notice) in the last year	**School Intervention Models**
Indicator (d)(5)	The number and identity of the schools that are secondary schools that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I funds that are identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools	**Secondary Schools**
Indicator (d)(6)	Of the persistently lowest-achieving schools that are secondary schools that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I funds, the number and identity of those schools that have been turned around, restarted, closed, or transformed in the last year	**School Intervention Models**
Indicator (d)(7) Posted 1/25/2010	The number of charter schools that are currently permitted to operate under State law	**Charter Schools Permitted**

Indicator (d)(8)	The number of charter schools currently operating	**Charter Schools Operating**
Indicator (d)(9)	The number and percentage of charter schools that have made progress on State assessments in reading/language arts in the last year	**Charter State Assessments in reading /language arts** **School District Information**
Indicator (d)(10)	The number and percentage of charter schools that have made progress on State assessments in mathematics in the last year	**Charter State Assessments in mathematics** **School District Information**
Indicator (d)(11)	The number and identity of charter schools that have closed (including schools that were not reauthorized to operate) within each of the last five years	**Closed Charter Schools (Last 5 Years)**
Indicator (d)(12)	For each charter school that has closed (including a school that was not reauthorized to operate) within each of the last five years, whether the closure of the school was for financial, enrollment, academic, or other reasons	**Reason Charter Schools Closed**