



District of Innovation Application (TENTATIVE)

November, 2012

Applicant Information

District Name:

_____ *District Name*

_____ *County/District #*

Address:

_____ *Street Address*

_____ *City*

_____ *State*

_____ *ZIP Code*

Phone:

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Date of Application: _____

Contact Person/Title: _____

DISTRICT ASSURANCES

- Applicant assures that its application does not contain any request to waive the following Kentucky Revised Statutes or Kentucky Administrative Regulations:
 - a. Any statute or regulation related to health, safety, civil rights, or disability rights;
 - b. Compulsory attendance requirements under KRS 158.030 and 158.100;
 - c. The Kentucky Core Academic Standards outlined in KRS 158.685 and 704 KAR 3:303;
 - d. The minimum high school graduation requirements unless allowable under 704 KAR 3:305;
 - e. Compliance with requirements of the statewide assessment system as specified in KRS 158.6453;
 - f. Criminal background check requirements;
 - g. Open records and meetings requirements;
 - h. Purchasing requirements and limitations; or
 - i. Any plan to reduce the instructional time provided to students below the requirements outlined in KRS 158.070, except requests to implement competency-based strategies that measure a student's mastery on the curriculum standards, regardless of the amount of instructional time completed.

Recommended Process for Districts of Innovation

In order to assist districts and schools with a *recommended* process, please see the process below:

- ✓ District Level Team (DLT) reviews current CDIP and discusses current models and/or initiatives which clearly demonstrate innovation.
- ✓ DLT takes Readiness for Innovation Self-Assessment and analyzes results.
- ✓ DLT conducts a needs assessment based on results of Self- Assessment.
- ✓ Request for Technical Assistance/Information from KDE (*not required*).
- ✓ DLT determines feasibility of application process. If DLT decides to apply, it will solicit a School Level Team (SLT) for each school of innovation.
- ✓ Each SLT completes Readiness for Innovation Self-Assessment, to begin the process for establishing buy-in and completing the school sub-plan.
- ✓ Each SLT determines whether it will participate based on the requirements of the statute and begins the process of writing school level sub-plan.
- ✓ All school sub-plans are reviewed by the DLT for final approval. DLT begins writing district application for submission.
- ✓ Submit application which includes Administrative Acknowledgment and Assurances, District Level Plans, School Level Plans.
- ✓ Scoring Process by KDE Program Review Team.
- ✓ Selection/Designation of Districts of Innovation.

District's Vision/Mission

*Please describe the significance of the District of Innovation designation to your district. Be sure to include justifications for why your district should be granted "District of Innovation" status. Your response must address/answer the following (*Please use charts, tables, and graphs, if necessary):*

- Describe the district's vision and mission statements or educational philosophy. Explain how the goals and performance standards in your plan help to re-invent or transform current models of student learning in ways that produce students better prepared for next generation learning. How do the transformations prepare students for dynamic and rigorous standards for college- and career-readiness?
- Describe how the district promotes continuous improvement and rewards risk tasking. Provide evidence of advancing student learning and achievement in the last three to five years.
- Describe how the proposed plan reflects a commitment to change process/agenda and explain how proposed innovation "fits in" with current district-wide reforms.
- Identify and describe, particularly when focusing on achievement gaps, *specific* barriers that impact student learning.
- Explain how innovation status will help the district overcome these barriers in order to ensure 21st Century Learning success for all, especially low-achieving students. **Include the specific waiver requests and justifications for the waivers.**

District of Innovation Implementation Plan

School Name	Innovation Strategies/Models	Goals for Improved Student Outcomes	Evidence of 70% Affirmative Vote of Eligible Employees to Participate
District Created School	Innovation Strategies/Models	Goals for Improved Student Outcomes	

*Note to applicant: Add more rows as needed.

*Please complete this section for each school participating in the application. Additional school applications are in the Appendix.

School Information

School Name: _____

Rationale/Needs Assessment

- What is the vision and mission statement of the school and how will innovation status improve the quality of student learning?
- Provide an overview of how the innovation school process was developed. Explain specific roles and responsibilities of design team members.
- Identify specific barriers that currently impact student achievement. Explain how innovation status will help the school overcome the barriers and/or assist the school in carrying out its mission.

Summary/Overview of School Plan Development

- Use the following table as a *reference* to describe the program innovation component(s) specific to this school.

Program Component	Guided Questions/Design Considerations
Competency Based Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of how students demonstrate mastery of content and competencies Description of how learning objectives will be measured Description of how personalized learning will be utilized and/or student voice will be encouraged Description of how support will be differentiated to support individual learning needs Description of how learning outcomes emphasize competencies that empower students to apply and create new knowledge and develop skills and dispositions—with particular focus on college/career readiness
Expanded Learning Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of how the initiative provides additional opportunities for enrichment, personal growth, and engagement <i>beyond</i> a traditional school day and/or setting Description of how the program may utilize expanded day/year, before- and after-school programs, Saturday, weekend, and summer programs, distance learning and early childhood initiatives
Multiple assessments/pathways to graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of how alternate assessment options will be utilized <i>to measure student performance outcomes</i> in non-traditional settings with particular focus on non-traditional educational opportunities such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apprenticeships, private instruction, work-study, study in a foreign country, competency-based learning, community service/service learning, independent study and on-line learning opportunities, Early College High Schools, Early Graduation Options
Innovative Learning Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of how the learning environment will be created or changed <i>specifically</i> with student learning in mind
Alternate forms of governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of how an alternate form of governance may be utilized, without the guidelines of KRS 160.345 Description of how teachers, parents, and community members will be engaged in the decision-making of the professional learning community
Job classifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of how job classifications move beyond the current definition of teacher/instructional assistant, and/or may provide for an alternative means of compensation other than a single salary schedule.
Other:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of how proposed innovation will result in the creation of rigorous, innovative, next generation learning opportunities for all students Description of how the proposed innovation will better prepare students for college- and career-readiness

Student Service Plan

Proposed Strategy	Expected Outcomes	Sources of Data	Total Number of Students Targeted by Grade level	Total Number of Students in Special Populations/Underrepresented Group
			Elem: Middle: High:	SES: Race/Ethnicity: Gender: Disability:
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District of Innovation Support Plan

Please describe how the district will provide the appropriate support for the School(s) of Innovation. Please answer the following (*Please use charts, tables and graphs, if necessary):

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

- Outline and describe specific professional development plan/strategies that will be used to prepare faculty and staff for the proposed innovation.
- Please communicate the total numbers of teachers who will be receiving professional development--as well as a breakdown of the grade level the teachers serve (elementary, middle, and high school level).
- Explain how the professional development will increase the level of success in student learning and innovation.
- Describe how the proposed professional development will lead to greater district-wide reform *beyond* the participating schools.

RESOURCES:

- Describe how district level human and fiscal resources are utilized for implementation of the innovation plan.
- Specifically outline how the innovation plan will affect district personnel, such as roles, work time, compensation, assignments, for those directly connected to the plan.

COMMUNICATION PLAN:

- Describe the activities/processes the district plans to utilize to communicate the innovation plan to each of the following groups: students, parents and families, staff and faculty, feeder schools, school board members, teachers, teacher organizations/associations, community-based organizations, local philanthropy, and other education partners.
- Describe what has been completed to date to communicate the innovation plan to all stakeholders.

MONITORING PLAN:

Data Source	Rationale for selection of data source	How the data source will be used in relation to proposed plan	How the data source will be reviewed over 5 years to gauge implementation success

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