

**APPLICATION FOR AN ALTERNATIVE MODEL
FOR SCHOOL-BASED DECISION MAKING**

SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

THROUGH THE _____ Board of Education

I. STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND INSTRUCTIONS

A school that chooses to implement school-based decision making by fulfilling the requirements set forth in Section 14, subsection 5 of the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990, but would like to be exempt from the administrative structure set forth by Section 14, subsection 2(a) of the same Act, may develop an alternative model as permitted by subsection 7.

Subsection 7 sets forth steps that must be observed to qualify for an exemption. The steps are quoted in the Act and are as follows:

- STEP 1:** The model must include, but not limited to, a description of membership, organization, duties, and responsibilities of a school council.
- STEP 2:** The school shall submit the model by application through the local board of education to the chief state school officer and the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education for approval.
- STEP 3:** The application for approval of the model shall show evidence that it has been developed by representatives of the parents, students, certified personnel, and the administrators of the school and that two-thirds (2/3) of the faculty have agreed to the alternative model.

A school cannot officially function as a school-based decision making school as identified in Section 14 of the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990 unless one of the following actions has taken place:

1. Two-thirds (2/3) of the faculty has voted to implement school-based decision making and the administrative structure set forth in Section 14, subsection 2(a) has been chosen and enacted.
2. Two-thirds (2/3) of the faculty has voted to implement school-based decision making and the school has developed and submitted an alternative model through the local board of education to the chief state school officer and the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education for approval, and this approval has been received by the school, or
3. The school has implemented school-based decision making under the provisions included in item 1 until steps in item 2 are completed.

Once the school's alternative model has been approved by the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education, all members of the new administrative structure must be elected as prescribed by Section 14. That is, the teacher representatives "shall be elected ... by majority of the teachers," and the parent members shall be elected by the parent members of the parent-teacher organization of the school or, if none exists, the largest organization of parents formed for this purpose." The school must return evidence of election results to the Secretary of the State Board not more than 30 days after approval by the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education.

II. APPLICANT

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

requests approval to implement an alternative model for school-based decision making. As required by the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990, Section 14, subsection 5, two-thirds of the faculty of this school voted on ___/___/_____ to implement school-based decision making. In addition, two-thirds of the faculty voted on _____, to agree to the model herein described and therefore, state their wish to be exempt from the administrative structure provided in the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990 in order to enact the alternative model for school-based decision making described on page 3 of this application.

To show evidence that the model has been developed by representatives of the parents, students, certified personnel, and the administrators of the school, the representatives affix their signatures below.

Parent Representatives (s): _____

Student Representative(s): _____

Certified Representative(s): _____

Administrative Representative(s): _____

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ALTERNATIVE MODEL

This application for an alternative model must contain a description of the membership, organization, duties and responsibilities of a school council as required by Section 14, subsection 7 of the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990. Other information pertaining to the alternative model may also be included. Attach additional sheets of description as needed to provide a complete description.

IV.. VOTING VALIDATION

To validate the two-thirds (2/3) faculty vote for implementing school-based decision making through an alternative model, please complete the following:

Date of Vote _____

Number of Faculty of School _____

Number of Faculty Who Voted in
Favor of the SBDM Alternative Model _____

Number of Faculty Who Voted
Against SBDM Alternative Model _____

Percentage of Faculty Who vote in
Favor of the SBDM Alternative Model _____

On ___/___/_____, this application was forwarded through the local board of education to the chief state school officer and the Kentucky Board of Education for approval.

Signature of School Principal

Date

Signature of Teacher Representative

Date

Signature of Authorized Representative of
Parents' Organization of the School

Date

Signature of Board Chairperson

Date

VERIFICATION OF APPROVAL

Chief State School Officer:

Date Received _____

Date of Approval _____

Signature of CSSO _____

Kentucky Board of Education:

Date Received _____

Date of Approval _____

Signature of Chairman _____

Notification given to local board _____ and to applicant school _____