

Innovative District Summary

District Name: _____

District Superintendent: _____

Local School Board President: _____

District Address: _____

Street

City

Zip

Contact Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

District Classification: _____ Urban _____ Suburban _____ Rural

KSHSAA Rating: _____

Number of Schools in District: _____ Elementary _____ Middle/Junior _____ High

_____ Other (please specify): _____

Current District Enrollment: _____

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

Superintendent

Board President

Date: _____

Innovative District Application

Narrative

The applicant must explain the process as to how the district is being innovative. The narrative must include:

- Description of educational programs;
- Description of parental and community support;
- Specific goals and measurable pupil outcomes to be obtained;
- Explanation of how pupil performance in achieving the specified outcomes will be:
 - Measured
 - Evaluated
 - Reported; and
- Description of what state laws, rules and regulations from which the district is requesting to be exempt.

(Please limit narrative to no more than 10 pages.)

Submit application to:

Office of the Governor
Capitol
300 SW 10th Avenue, Suite 241S
Topeka, KS 66612

Deadline: December 1, 2013

COALITION OF INNOVATIVE DISTRICTS
HB 2319

The purpose of the designation of innovative districts is to allow up to ten percent of the state's school districts, at any one time, to opt out of most state laws and rules and regulations in order to improve student achievement.

House Bill 2319 authorizes a process where a local board of education may apply for authority to operate as a "public innovative district." The bill limits the number of public innovative districts to no more than ten percent of the state's school districts at any time. In preparation for applying for Innovative District status, the applicant should carefully read House Bill 2319.

In order to apply to become an Innovative District, the applicant should determine what state laws, rules, and/or regulations the district is requesting to be exempt from in order to achieve Innovative District status.

The deadline for this application is **Sunday, December 1, 2013**. Applications must be received at the Governor's office in Topeka by that date in order to be eligible for review. It is suggested that applicants submit an original and five copies of the application.

The application and approval requirements differ based on the application queue, as follows:

- For the first two school districts, a request for approval (containing the same information as the application) must go first to the Governor and the chairpersons of the Senate and House Education Committees. If a majority of these individuals approves the request, the district may submit an application to the Kansas State Board of Education, which is required to review and approve the application within 90 days, if it included the required contents. Requirements regarding notification of both approval and denial are contained in the bill. If an application is denied, the district has an opportunity to submit an amended application
- For the remaining districts, the request for approval goes first to the Coalition Board, which is created by the bill. The Coalition Board has sole discretion to approve or deny the request and may recommend the requesting school district modify the request. Modifications may then be considered by the Coalition Board prior to making a final decision. If the request is approved, the district may submit an application to the Kansas State Board of Education. The same review and notification requirements apply.

The designation of Innovative Districts will not be effective until the 2014-2015 school year and will be acknowledged for five consecutive years, dependent upon district compliance, with the opportunity to renew the status at the end of the five year period.

This application package contains the necessary information and form to apply for Innovative District status. If applicants have any questions or need additional information concerning the Innovative District application process, please contact Christine Macy, KSDE via e-mail: cmacy@ksde.org, telephone (785)296-3287, or visit our website at www.ksde.org.