Research and Evaluation Team (R&E)
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Who's Who	Areas of Focus
Research and Evaluation (R&E) **Dr. Tom Foster, Ph.D., Director** **Tiffany Ellerman, Administrative Specialist** **Xuewen Sheng, Ph.D., Senior Education Research Analyst** **Lue Ann Snider, CPM, Research Analyst III** **Michael L. Wallis, MPH, Education Research Analyst**	**R&E team members:** **Support the research and evaluation needs of KSDE, state board, and legislative leaders.** **Support federal data reporting requirements.** **Support the data quality of AYP.** **Provide data and information regarding education in Kansas.** **Analyze educational data to fill internal and external requests.** **Coordinate internal and external data requests through the Data Request**
General Information	
The Research and Evaluation Team (R&E) serves the accountability, research, evaluation, and data analysis needs of the Kansas State Department of Education. **Website:** **http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=116** **Fax: 785-296-3523**	

	Review Board (DRRB). **Prepare and provide privacy-protected data to external customers for educational studies.** **Conduct research design.** **Provide technical support to KSDE grantees.** **Assist with and conduct evaluations.** **Update KERC with revised state standards, extended standards, and current features.** **Conduct and write literature reviews and assemble research bibliographies on educational issues.** **Maintain the education news and resources on the KSDE portal.** **Design customized surveys and research tools.**

Key Points	Collaborative Partners
R&E team members: **Serve the accountability needs of the KSDE.** **Analyze data and conduct searches on educational issues and review national educational literature and research studies to identify trends relevant to education.** **Conduct evaluations for department programs and research studies on Kansas education to increase the knowledge base regarding education in Kansas.** **Analyze and interpret data for agency reports.** **Update the Kansas Education Resource Center (KERC) with lesson plans, resources, and best practices aligned to the state educational standards.**	**Kansas State Board of Education** **Kansas Legislature** **Local Education Agencies (LEAs)** **Federal Department of Education** **Council of Chief State School Officers** **Center For Educational Testing & Evaluation (CETE)** **Education Commission of the States** **National Center for Education Statistics** **KSDE teams** **Kansas Board of Regents** **Department of Health and Environment** **KEDUC**