In support of Kansas’ vision for education, the Kansas State Department of Education is accepting applications for school districts to participate in the **Apollo II** Kansans Can School Redesign Project.

Districts selected for the **Apollo II** Project may designate one or more elementary and/or secondary school - to be redesigned around the five outcomes established by the Kansas State Board of Education, the five elements identified as defining a successful Kansas high school graduate and what Kansans told us they wanted schools to look like in the future.

These districts will serve as demonstration sites for other Kansas districts.

## VISION:

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.

### Five outcomes:

* Social-emotional growth
* Kindergarten readiness
* Individual Plan of Study (IPS)
* High school graduation
* Postsecondary success

### Definition of a successful high school graduate:

A successful Kansas high school graduate has the academic preparation, cognitive preparation, technical skills, employability skills and civic engagement to be successful in postsecondary education, in the attainment of an industry-recognized certification or in the workforce, without the need for remediation.

### To be considered for the Kansans Can School Redesign Project, districts must:

* Be able and willing to completely redesign one elementary and/or one secondary school around the vision, outcomes and definition of a successful high school graduate.
* Each district and school must provide evidence and have approval by their school board with a vote; faculty with a vote of 80 percent in each building being redesigned; and support from the local Kansas National Education Association (KNEA) or other professional organization.
* Be able and willing to launch a new school design in the 2021-2022 school year.
* Be willing to serve as a demonstration school/district for others in Kansas to study, learn and visit.

### For planning purposes, if your school/district is selected to be part of the Apollo II mission, you can expect the following during the Plan Year:

1. Weekly staff member time devoted to working on redesign. This includes both the biweekly, all-day regional workshops the school redesign team attends, as well as work done by the rest of the staff during the weeks between the workshops.
   1. You will also want to set aside time for staff to tour other redesign schools in, and possibly outside of, Kansas.
2. Costs for substitutes and transportation for staff attending the biweekly regional workshops and also for staff to visit other Redesign demonstration schools in Kansas.
   1. Funds for Substitutes and transportation for staff attending the biweekly regional workshops.
   2. Funds for Staff to visit other Redesign demonstration schools in Kansas.
   3. Workshop Attendance: $50/person
   4. Launch Year\* Coaching: $2000 for the first school & $1200 for each additional school within the district
      1. Launch Year is the year after the plan year. Once you go through the Apollo II workshops, you will be cleared to launch your redesign plan the next year (2021-2022). This is your ‘Launch Year’.

### Submit the application electronically to [tcote@ksde.org](mailto:tcote@ksde.org) by July 1, 2020.

This application package contains the necessary information and form to apply for **Apollo II** Kansas Can School Redesign project. If applicants have any questions or need additional information, please contact Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander with the Kansas State Department of Education via e-mail at [bneuenswander@ksde.org](mailto:bneuenswander@ksde.org) or by telephone at (785) 296-2303.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION

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| Local school board president: | Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| Date approved by local school board: | Click or tap to enter a date. |

### Names of the elementary and/or secondary schools designated to take part in the redesign efforts.

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| Elementary: | Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| Secondary (middle or high school): | Click or tap here to enter text. |

### Why does your district want to take part in the redesign efforts?

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### What current efforts does your district have in place that align with the state board’s vision?

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#### Assurances checklist:

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|  | Local board approval. | Date: | Date approved. |

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|  | Faculty vote with 80 percent approval. | Date: | Date approved. |

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|  | Local KNEA or other professional organization support. Letter of support. |

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| Signature of superintendent: |  |

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| Signature of board president: |  |

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