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### Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools as Defined by Title I School Improvement Grants Section 1003(g)

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) is required to release a list of schools that meet the federal definition of "Persistently Lowest-Achieving." This list is a result of Federal law and regulation in order to access federal school improvement dollars. Only schools that are on the list are eligible for these funds. When announcing the availability of the School Improvement Funds, Secretary Arne Duncan said, "States and school districts have an opportunity to put unprecedented resources toward reforms that would increase graduation rates, reduce dropout rates and improve teacher quality for all students, and particularly for children who most need good teaching in order to catch up."

Many of the schools on the list have made significant gains in student achievement on the state mathematics and reading assessments over the past few years; however, due to the way of calculating the list of schools, they are considered persistently lowest achieving.

The list of schools is divided into 3 groups or tiers. Each tier has its own criteria for identifying schools. Following is an overview of each tier; the complete definition, "Defining Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools," is posted on the KSDE website at <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3498>.

The Tier I schools come from the list of 2009-2010 Title I schools that are already identified as being in improvement, corrective action or restructuring. There are 32 Title I schools from which the Tier 1 schools are selected. The state identifies the five schools with the lowest performance on the state reading and mathematics assessments for the last three years combined as the Tier I schools.

The Tier II schools are selected from all the high schools in the state that are eligible for Title I which is a federal program. In Kansas, approximately 270 high schools are Title I eligible. From this pool of schools, the state selects the 5% that have the lowest performance based on state mathematics and reading assessments for the last three years combined. In addition, to the 5% of schools based on state assessment results, high schools are included in Tier II if their graduation rates are less than 60% for the last three years.

The final group of schools on the list is the Tier III schools. These are the other 27 Title I schools in improvement, corrective action or restructuring which were not included in the Tier I list. These schools are on the improvement list for not making Adequate Yearly Progress for two years. Several may go off improvement this year if their assessment scores continue to improve and they make AYP. The Tier III list of schools also includes some Title I eligible high schools with lower performance that were excluded from Tier II because the number of students taking the state assessments were less than 30.

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The 2010 schools are listed according to their USD number (#).

**TIER I SCHOOLS**

USD #	USD Name	KS Bldg #	School NCES/CCD ID#	School Name
259	Wichita	1808	201299000328	Curtis Middle School
480	Liberal	7728	200873001284	Liberal South Middle School
500	Kansas City	8288	200795001395	Emerson Elementary School
500	Kansas City	8298	200795001401	Mark Twain Elementary School
500	Kansas City	8317	200795001415	Northwest Middle School

**TIER II SCHOOLS**

USD #	USD Name	KS Bldg #	School NCES/CCD ID#	School Name
247	Cherokee	1230	200471000188	South East High School
259	Wichita	1838	201299000346	North High School
259	Wichita	1840	201299000347	South High School
259	Wichita	1842	201299000348	Southeast High School
259	Wichita	1844	201299000349	West High School
259	Wichita	1852	201299001693	Metro Midtown Alternative High School
480	Liberal	7732	200873001286	Liberal Senior High School
500	Kansas City	8294	200795001785	Fairfax Campus/Learning Center
500	Kansas City	8323	200795001420	Wyandotte High School
500	Kansas City	8327	200795001423	JC Harmon High School
500	Kansas City	8329	200795001425	FL Schlagle High School
500	Kansas City	8350	200795001433	Washington High School
501	Topeka	8536	201226001476	Highland Park High School

**TIER III SCHOOLS**

USD #	USD Name	KS Bldg #	School NCES/CCD ID	School Name
214	Ulysses	0443	201242000067	Kepley Middle School
259	Wichita	1646	201299000263	Clark Elementary School

259	Wichita	1660	201299000271	Enterprise Elementary School
259	Wichita	1814	201299000331	Hamilton Middle School
259	Wichita	1817	201299001800	Jardine Technology Middle Magnet School
259	Wichita	1718	201299000271	Linwood Elementary School
259	Wichita	1828	201299000339	Pleasant Valley Middle School
259	Wichita	1693	201299001719	Spaght Multimedia Magnet School
259	Wichita	1834	201299000343	Truesdell Middle School
308	Hutchinson	3102	200762000530	Avenue A Elementary School
308	Hutchinson	3114	200762000535	Lincoln Elementary School
430	South Brown County	6344	200747001040	Everest Middle School
453	Leavenworth	7008	200843001150	Earl M Lawson Elementary School
480	Liberal	7715	200873001587	Cottonwood Intermediate School
500	Kansas City	8320	200795001417	Argentine Middle School
500	Kansas City	8279	200795001388	Banneker Elementary School
500	Kansas City	8293	200795001399	Bertram Caruthers Elementary School
500	Kansas City	8316	200795001414	Central Middle School
500	Kansas City	8284	200795001392	Chelsea Elementary School
500	Kansas City	8292	200795001398	Grant Elementary School
500	Kansas City	8342	200795001430	Lindbergh Elementary School
500	Kansas City	8305	200795001406	Quindaro Elementary School
500	Kansas City	8313	200795001714	Whittier Elementary School
501	Topeka	8452	201226001595	Chase Middle School
501	Topeka	8474	201226001452	Lundgren Elementary
501	Topeka	8499	201226001115	Scott Computer Technology Magnet School
501	Topeka	8444	201226001439	Shaner Elementary School

**ADDITIONAL TIER III SCHOOLS—Small Size so Excluded from Tier II**

USD #	USD Name	KS Bldg #	School NCES/CCID#	School Name
259	Wichita	1742	201299001697	Metro Meridian Alternative High School
259	Wichita	1837	201299000345	Metro Boulevard Alternative High School
409	Atchison	5775	200354001868	Atchison Alternative School

499	Galena	8272	200636000748	Cornerstone High School
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