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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 2010-2011 Title I schools that are already identified as being in improvement, corrective action or restructuring. There are 37 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 28 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

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with lower performance that were excluded from Tier II because the number of students taking the state assessments were less than 30.

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	1817	201299001800	Jardine Technology Middle Magnet School
259	Wichita	1828	201299000339	Pleasant Valley Middle School
259	Wichita	1834	201299000343	Truesdell Middle School
500	Kansas City	8279	200795001388	Banneker Elementary
500	Kansas City	8285	200795001393	Douglass Elementary

#### TIER II SCHOOLS

USD #	USD Name	KS Bldg #	School NCES/CCD ID#	School Name
205	Bluestem	0240	200855000038	Bluestem High School
250	Pittsburg	1316	201071000208	Pittsburgh High School
257	Iola	1564	200774000244	Iola Sr. High School
259	Wichita	1844	201299000349	West High School
259	Wichita	1838	201299000346	North High School
259	Wichita	1842	201299000348	Southeast High School
259	Wichita	1846	201299000350	Heights High School
353	Wellington	4280	201284001769	Wellington High School
445	Coffeyville	6772	200498001112	Field Kindley High School
484	Fredonia	7838	200627001304	Fredonia Sr. High School
500	Kansas City	8329	200795001425	F L Schlagle High School
500	Kansas City	8350	200795001433	Washington High School
500	Kansas City	8327	200795001423	J C Harmon High School
500	Kansas City	8323	200795001420	Wyandotte High School
501	Topeka	8538	201226001477	Topeka High School

**TIER III SCHOOLS**

<b>USD #</b>	<b>USD Name</b>	<b>KS Bldg #</b>	<b>School NCES/CCD ID#</b>	<b>School Name</b>
214	Ulysses	0443	201242000067	Kepley Middle School
214	Ulysses	0444	201242000068	Sullivan Elementary
259	Wichita	1798	201299001648	Anderson Elementary
259	Wichita	1674	201299000274	Franklin Elementary
259	Wichita	1678	201299000276	Gardiner Elementary
259	Wichita	1814	201299000331	Hamilton Middle School
259	Wichita	1716	201299000294	Lincoln Elementary
259	Wichita	1718	201299000295	Linwood Elementary
259	Wichita	1693	201299001719	Spaght Multimedia Magnet Elementary
259	Wichita	1782	201299000317	Stanley Elementary
261	Haysville	1961	200705001876	Prairie Elementary
308	Hutchinson	3102	200762000530	Avenue A Elementary
308	Hutchinson	3114	200762000535	Lincoln Elementary
430	South Brown County	6344	200747001040	Everest Middle School
457	Garden City	7148	200639001227	Charles O Stones Intermediate Ctr
475	Geary County	7618	200789001266	Junction City Middle School
480	Liberal	7715	200873001587	Cottonwood Intermediate
500	Kansas City	8293	200795001399	Bertram Caruthers Elementary
500	Kansas City	8316	200795001414	Central Middle School
500	Kansas City	8284	200795001392	Chelsea Elementary
500	Kansas City	8292	200795001398	Grant Elementary
500	Kansas City	8313	200795001714	Whittier Elementary
501	Topeka	8452	201226001595	Chase Middle School
501	Topeka	8474	201226001452	Lundgren Elementary

501	Topeka	8486	201226001114	Meadows Elementary
501	Topeka	8465	201226001447	Ross Elementary
501	Topeka	8499	201226001115	Scott Computer Technology Magnet
501	Topeka	8444	201226001439	Shaner Elementary

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

<b>USD #</b>	<b>USD Name</b>	<b>KS Bldg #</b>	<b>School NCES/CCD ID#</b>	<b>School Name</b>
259	Wichita	1742	201299001693	Metro Meridian Alternative HS
259	Wichita	1837	201299000345	Metro Blvd Alternative HS
287	West Franklin	2562	201080001603	West Franklin Learning Center High-Charter
314	Brewster	3278	200408000570	Brewster High School
382	Pratt	5093	201089001870	Walden Center (closed 2010-11)
401	Chase-Raymond	5536	200465000913	Chase High School
409	Atchison	5775	200354001868	Atchison Alternative School
511	Attica	8764	200357001514	Attica High School

\*Note: Schools that received SIG funding last year were not included in Tier I, Tier II, or Tier III.