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The Needs Assessment Diagnostic will facilitate the use of multiple sources of data to determine the current reality and establish a foundation for decision-making around district goals and strategies. Once completed, the diagnostic will lead to priorities to be addressed in the comprehensive district improvement plan to build staff capacity and increase student achievement. The needs assessment is to be conducted annually as an essential part of the continuous improvement process and precedes the development of strategic goals (i.e. desired state).

While the focus of continuous improvement is student performance, the work must be guided by the aspects of teaching and learning that affect performance. An effective improvement process should address the contributing factors creating the learning environment (inputs) and the performance data (outcomes).

The needs assessment provides the framework for all districts to clearly and honestly identify their most critical areas for improvement that will be addressed later in the planning process through the development of goals, objectives, strategies and activities. 703 KAR 2:225 requires, as part of continuous improvement planning for districts, each district to complete the needs assessment between October 1 and November 1 of each year and include: (1) a description of the data reviewed and the process used to develop the needs assessment; (2) a review of the previous plan and its implementation to inform development of the new plan; and, (3) perception data gathered from the administration of a valid and reliable measure of teaching and learning conditions.

Protocol

1. Clearly detail the process used for reviewing, analyzing and applying data results to determine the priorities of this year's needs assessment. Include names of district leadership teams and stakeholder groups involved, a timeline of the process, the specific data reviewed, and how the meetings are documented.

The district Continuous Improvement Planning committee consists of volunteers from the following areas: students, parents, community representative, board member, SBDM Council member, teacher, paraprofessional, all district administrators. The Continuous Improvement Committee will communicate throughout the year through email and a Google shared drive. Email correspondence and the shared drive will document input received throughout the year from committee members. Committee members created questions for a

stakeholder survey that is sent out to students, families, education staff and the community to gather a variety of input on areas for improvement.

Trends

2. After analyzing data trends from the previous two academic years, which academic, cultural and behavioral measures remain significant areas for improvement?

Example of Trends

- The number of behavior referrals increased from 204 in 2019-20 to 288 in 2020-21.
- From 2018 to 2020, the district saw an 11% increase in novice scores in reading among students in the achievement gap.

The graduation rate has continued to decline from 2018-2019 to 2020-2021, 92.3% to 89.4%. ACT composite scores, on average, have been below the state average since 2018. Every content area in ACT testing showed a decrease for the 2020-21 school year. In elementary, proficient and distinguished scores declined in all areas. For middle school, scores declined in reading and writing. For high school, scores increased for math and writing, while scores decreased for science.

Current State

3. Plainly state the current condition of the district using precise numbers and percentages as revealed by multiple sources of outcome data. Cite the source of data used.

Example of Current Academic State:

- Thirty-four percent (34%) of students in the achievement gap scored proficient on KPREP Reading.
- Fifty-four percent (54%) of our students scored proficient in math compared to the state average of 57%.

Example of Non-Academic Current State:

- Teacher attendance rate was 84% for the 2020-21 academic year
- Survey results and perception data indicated 74% of the district's teachers received adequate professional development.

Only 17% of our CTE students are completers, while 46% are concentrators. 1.9% of Logan County students had a behavior incident during the 20-21 school year. 36% of beginning kindergarten students are identified as ready and 53.1% of students are identified as ready with interventions. For elementary school, our district was

above the state average in Reading, Math and Science. Middle school was above the state average in

Priorities/Concerns

4. Clearly and concisely identify the greatest areas of weakness using precise numbers and percentages.

NOTE: These priorities will be thoroughly addressed in the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan (CDIP) diagnostic and template.

Example: Sixty-eight (68%) of students in the achievement gap scored below proficiency on the KPREP test in reading as opposed to just 12% of non-gap learners.

In our district, our focus is on providing the students what they need to be successful when they leave high school. This means that we want them to have the skills needed to work or go to school and be successful. For our students, that means focusing on our profile of success skills, providing students with varied types of career exploration beginning in elementary school and giving students internship opportunities as well as the ability to earn CTE credentials to provide them as many opportunities as possible. We do want to increase our graduation rate from 89.4 to keep up with the state rate of 90.2 as well as to continue to increase our ACT scores for those students who wish to pursue college options after high school.

Strengths/Leverages

5. Plainly state, using precise numbers and percentages revealed by current data, the strengths and leverages of the district. Explain how they may be utilized to improve areas of concern listed above.

Example: Reading achievement has increased from 37% proficient to its current rate of 58%. The systems of support we implemented for reading can be adapted to address our low performance in math.

Out-of-school suspensions have remained below 1% for the last three years. In-school suspensions have dropped from 6.5% during the 18-19 school year to 1.7% during the 20-21 school year. For elementary school, our district was above the state average in Reading, Math and Science. Middle school was above the state average in Math, Science, and Writing. High school was above the state average in Math and Writing.

Evaluate the Teaching and Learning Environment

6. Consider the processes, practices and conditions evident in the teaching and learning environment as identified in the six Key Core Work Processes outlined below:

[KCWP 1: Design and Deploy Standards](#)

[KCWP 2: Design and Deliver Instruction](#)

[KCWP 3: Design and Deliver Assessment Literacy](#)

[KCWP 4: Review, Analyze and Apply Data](#)

[KCWP 5: Design, Align and Deliver Support](#)

[KCWP 6: Establishing Learning Culture and Environment](#)

Utilizing implementation data, perception data, and current policies and practices:

a. Complete the [Key Elements Template](#).

b. Upload your completed template in the attachment area below.

After analyzing the Key Elements of your teaching and learning environment, which processes, practices or conditions will the district focus its resources and efforts upon in order to produce the desired changes?

Note that all processes, practices and conditions can be linked to the six Key Core Work Processes.

NOTE: These elements will be thoroughly addressed in the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan (CDIP) diagnostic and template.

KCWP 2: Design and Deliver Instruction KCWP 3: Design and Deliver Assessment Literacy KCWP 6: Establishing Learning Culture and Environment

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The **Comprehensive District Improvement Plan or CDIP** is defined as a *plan developed by the local school district with input of parents, faculty, staff, and representatives of school councils from each school in the district, based on a review of relevant data that includes targets, strategies, activities, and a time schedule to support student achievement and student growth and to eliminate achievement gaps among groups of students.*

The comprehensive school and district improvement plan process is outlined in 703 KAR 5:225. The requirements included in the administrative regulation are key components of the continuous improvement process in Kentucky and ultimately fulfillment of school, district, and state goals under the Kentucky State Plan as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

While the regulation outlines a timeline for compliance purposes, the plan itself is a strategic and proven approach to improve processes and to ensure students achieve. The timeline for the district's 2021-22 diagnostics is as follows:

Phase One: August 1 - October 1

- Continuous Improvement Diagnostic for Districts

Phase Two: October 1 - November 1

- The Needs Assessment for Districts
- District Assurances
- District Safety Report

Phase Three: November 1 - January 1

- Comprehensive District Improvement Plan
- Executive Summary for Districts
- The Superintendent Gap Assurance
- Professional Development Plan for Districts

Phase Four: January 1 - December 31

- Continuation of Learning Plan for Districts (Due May 1)
- English Learner Plan for Districts (Lau Plan) (Due May 1)
- Progress Monitoring

As superintendent of the district, I hereby commit to implementing continuous improvement processes with fidelity to support student achievement and student growth and to eliminate achievement gaps among groups of students. I also assure that

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the comprehensive district improvement plan is developed by the district with input from parents, faculty, staff, and where applicable, representatives of school councils from each school in the district, and other appropriate groups pursuant to ESSA Section 1112(a)(1)(A).

Please enter your name and date below to certify.

Paul Mullins, September 28, 2021



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District Safety Report

Pursuant to KRS 158.162, the local board of education shall require the school council or, if none exists, the principal in each school to adopt an emergency plan that must be utilized in case of fire, severe weather, earthquake, or a building lockdown and that: establishes evacuation routes; identifies the best available severe weather zones; develops earthquake protocols for students; and, develops and adheres to practices controlling access to the school building. The emergency plan shall be annually reviewed by the council, principal, and first responders and revised as needed.

In addition to the emergency plan requirements in KRS 158.162, KRS 158.164 requires the local board of education to direct the school council or, if none exists, the principal in each school to establish procedures to perform a building lockdown and to invite local law enforcement to assist in establishing lockdown procedures.

KRS 158.162 also requires the emergency plan be discussed with all school staff prior to the first instructional day of the school year and provided, along with a diagram of the facility, to appropriate first responders. Further, the principal in each school shall conduct, at a minimum, the following emergency response drills within the first 30 instructional days of the school year and again during the month of January: one severe weather drill, one earthquake drill, and one lockdown drill. In addition, required fire drills shall be conducted according to administrative regulations promulgated by the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction.

Finally, pursuant to KRS 158.162, local Superintendents must submit verification to the Kentucky Department of Education that all schools are in compliance by November 1 each year. This diagnostic is the means by which this reporting requirement is fulfilled.

Questions Related to the Adoption and Implementation of the Emergency Plan

1. Has the local board adopted a policy requiring the school council or, if none exists, the principal in each school to adopt and implement an emergency plan as required by KRS 158.162?

Please reference the appropriate board policy number(s) and/or title(s) in the comment box.

Yes, Board Policy number 02.4241

2. Has each school council or, where applicable, principal adopted an emergency plan in accordance with local board policy and in compliance with the specifications in KRS 158.162(3)?

If all schools in the district have NOT met the requirement, respond "no" and please explain further in the comment box. Please note that Senate Bill 1 (2019) and Senate Bill 8 (2020) amended KRS 158.162(3)(d) to require, for example, classroom doors remain closed and locked during instructional time as well as classroom doors with windows be equipped with material to quickly cover the window during a building lockdown. Schools are encouraged to comply with these changes as soon as practicable but, if needed, have until July 1, 2022 to fully implement. Accordingly, failure to comply with KRS 158.162(3)(d), as amended, should not be reported herein until the 2022-2023 school year and beyond.

Yes

3. Has each school provided local first responders with a copy of the school's emergency plan along with a diagram of the school as required by KRS 158.162(2)(b)?

If all schools in the district have NOT met the requirement, respond "no" and please explain further in the comment box.

Yes

4. Has each school posted primary and secondary evacuation routes in each room by any doorway used for evacuation as required by KRS 158.162(3)(a)?

If all schools in the district have NOT met the requirement, respond "no" and please explain further in the comment box.

Yes

5. Has each school posted the location of severe weather safe zones in each room as required by KRS 158.162(3)(b)?

If all schools in the district have NOT met the requirement, respond "no" and please explain further in the comment box.

Yes

6. Have practices for students to follow during an earthquake been developed as required by KRS 158.162(3)(c)?

If all schools in the district have NOT met the requirement, respond "no" and please explain further in the comment box.

Yes

7. Are practices in place to control access to each school building, including but not limited to controlling outside access to exterior doors during the school day; controlling the main entrance of the school with electronically locking doors, a camera, and an intercom system; controlling access to individual classrooms; requiring classroom doors to remain closed and locked during instructional time (with limited exceptions outlined in statute); requiring classroom doors with windows to be equipped with material to quickly cover the windows during a lockdown; requiring all visitors to report to the front office of the building, provide valid identification, and state the purpose of the visit; and providing a visitor's badge to be visibly displayed on a visitor's outer garment as required by KRS 158.162(3)(d)?

If all schools in the district have NOT met the requirement, respond "no" and please explain further in the comment box.

Yes

8. Was each school's emergency plan reviewed following the end of the prior school year by the school council, principal, and first responders and revised as needed as required by KRS 158.162(2)(c)?

Please provide the most recent date of review/revision of the emergency plan for each school in the district in the comment box. If all schools in the district did NOT meet the requirement, respond "no" and please explain further in the comment box.

Yes Adairville 8-25-21, Auburn 7-21-21, Chandlers 7-26-21, Lewisburg 7-22-21, Olmstead 8-10-21 & Logan Co. High School 7-21-21

9. Did each principal discuss the emergency plan with **all** school staff prior to the first instructional day of the current school year and appropriately document the time and date of such discussion as required by KRS 158.162(2)(d)?

Please provide the date each school in the district completed this discussion in the comment box. If all schools in the district have NOT met the requirement, respond "no" and please explain further in the comment box.

Yes All schools reviewed their safety plan with staff on Aug. 10th, which was opening day.

10. During the first 30 instructional days of the current school year, did the principal in each school within the district conduct at least one severe weather drill, one earthquake drill, and one lockdown drill as required by KRS 158.162(5)?

If all schools in the district did NOT meet the requirement, respond "no" and please explain further in the comment box.

Yes

11. During the month of January during the prior school year, did the principal in each school within the district conduct at least one severe weather drill, one earthquake drill, and one lockdown drill as required by KRS 158.162(5)?

If all schools in the district did NOT meet the requirement, respond "no" and please explain further in the comment box.

Yes

12. Over the immediately preceding twelve months, did each school within the district conduct fire drills in accordance with administrative regulations promulgated by the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction as required by KRS 158.162(5)?

If all schools in the district did NOT meet the requirement, respond "no" and please explain further in the comment box.

Yes

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This district-level report fulfills KRS 158.649(9), which requires superintendents to report to the Commissioner of Education any school within the district that fails to meet its targets to reduce the gap in student achievement for any student group for two consecutive years.

The school-based decision making council, or the principal if no council exists, is required to set the school's yearly targets for eliminating any achievement gap. These targets can be found on the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan template for each school. When determining which schools did and did not meet their targets, the superintendent should review the achievement gap objectives (short-term targets) from the previous two years found on the planning template.

Gap Target Assurance

As superintendent of the district, I hereby certify either:

- **No school within my district failed to meet its targets to reduce the gap in student achievement for any student group for both of the last two (2) consecutive years.**

- Pursuant to KRS 158.649(9), one or more school(s) in my district failed to meet its targets to reduce the gap in student achievement for any student group for both of the last two (2) consecutive years. If this option is selected, completion of this assurance is contingent on the name(s) of any school being reported pursuant to KRS 158.649(9). Superintendents selecting this option, must complete the supplemental form hyperlinked below.



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Introduction

Assurances are a required component of the CDIP process (703 KAR 5:225). Please read the assurance and indicate whether your district complies by selecting the appropriate response (Yes, No or N/A). If you wish to provide further information or clarify your response, space for comments is provided. Comments are optional. You may upload any supporting documentation as needed.

District Assurances

The district hereby ensures that the FY 2021-2022 District Funding Assurances have been signed by the local superintendent, submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education, and remain on file with the local board of education.

Yes

No

N/A

COMMENTS

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