

Achieving Equity in Teacher and Principal Distribution

Summary

To enable State officials, parents, the Department of Education, local educators and other key stakeholders to measure States' progress towards improving teacher effectiveness and achieving equity in the distribution of teachers and principals, States will need to collect, publish, and analyze basic information about how districts evaluate teacher and principal effectiveness and distribute their highly qualified and effective teachers among schools. The objective is to highlight inequities that result in low-income and minority students being taught by inexperienced, unqualified, out-of-field or ineffective teachers at higher rates than other students. Similarly, because principals play a critical role in teaching and learning, it is important to highlight inequities that result in low-income and minority students being taught in schools overseen by ineffective principals at higher rates than other students.

General Instructions:

In this section, as appropriate, please update the information that was submitted as part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) supplement to the Bridge to Excellence Master Plan Guidance, in December 2009. You should use the December 2009 report as a starting point and update as needed.

Citation	Description	Rationale
Descriptor (a)(1)	Describe, for each local education agency (LEA) in the State, the systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers and the use of results from those systems in decisions regarding teacher development, compensation, promotion, retention, and removal.	Teacher evaluation systems should reflect a comprehensive review of the established criteria and are an important information source for assessing the distribution of effective teachers.

Directions

Include the following information on the local school system's designated website reporting the evaluation systems of teachers. The description of the teacher evaluation system must explain how evaluation results are used in decisions regarding each of the following: teacher professional development, compensation, promotion, retention and removal. If this information has already been included and updated on your school system's website, please indicate so below and provide the link.

1. Please provide the link to this information on the school system's designated website below:

[www.kent.k12.md.us/files/ARRA Kent \(1\).pdf](http://www.kent.k12.md.us/files/ARRA_Kent_(1).pdf)

Citation	Description	Rationale
Indicator (a)(3)	Indicate, for each LEA in the State, whether the systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers include student achievement outcomes or student growth as an evaluation criterion.	Evaluation systems that include student achievement outcomes yield reliable assessments of teacher performance. Knowing if an evaluation system includes these outcomes informs the value of teacher performance ratings.

Directions:

1. Do your evaluation systems include achievement outcomes or student growth? (Mark "Yes" or "No")
 - a. Yes, the systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers include student achievement outcomes or student growth as an evaluation criterion.
 - b. If Yes, please respond (check one):

 Student achievement outcomes are included as an evaluation criterion.

 Student growth is included as an evaluation criterion.
 - c. No, the systems used to evaluate the performance of teachers do not include student achievement outcomes or student growth as an evaluation criterion.

Citation	Description	Rationale
Indicator (a)(4)	Provide, for each LEA in the State whose teachers receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of teachers rated at each performance rating or level.	Ratings from teacher evaluation systems further highlight the strengths and weaknesses of those systems and provide valuable information on the distribution of effective teachers across districts.

Directions:

1. Complete the table below by listing each of the rating or performance levels in the LEA's performance evaluation systems, and the number and percentage of teachers rated at each performance rating or level.

Performance Rating or Level	Number of Teachers	Percentage of Teachers
Unsatisfactory	1	.6%
Improvement Needed	3	1.6%
Satisfactory	186	97.8%
Total: 190		

2. Provide the link to this information on the school system's designated website below:

[www.kent.k12.md.us/files/ARRA Kent \(1\).pdf](http://www.kent.k12.md.us/files/ARRA%20Kent%20(1).pdf)

3. If the LEA does not currently publicly report this data, please list the major action steps that you will take to make this information publicly available by 6/30/11. Update the Action Steps Table (below) as appropriate to reflect progress to date.

Action Steps	Person(s) Responsible	Completion Date

Citation	Description	Rationale
Indicator (a)(5)	Indicate, for each LEA in the State whose teachers receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, whether the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of teachers rated at each performance rating or level are publicly reported for each school in the LEA.	To the extent information on the distribution of teacher performance ratings is readily accessible by school, State officials, parents and other key stakeholders can identify and address inequities in the distribution of effective teachers on an ongoing basis.

Directions:

1. Is the number and percentage of teachers rated at each performance rating or level publicly reported for each school in the LEA? Mark "Yes" or "No".
 - a. Yes, the number and percentage of teachers rated at each performance rating or level are publicly reported for each school in the LEA.
 - b. Please provide the link to this information on the LSS's designated website below:
 - c. No, the number and percentage of teachers rated at each performance rating or level are not publicly reported for each school in the LEA.

2. If the LEA does not currently publicly report these data, please list the major action steps that you will take to publicly report this information by 6/30/11. Update the Action Steps Table (below) as appropriate to reflect progress to date.

Action Steps	Person(s) Responsible	Completion Date

Citation	Description	Rationale
Descriptor (a)(2)	Describe, for each LEA in the State, the systems used to evaluate the performance of principals and the use of results from those systems in decisions regarding principal development, compensation, promotion, retention, and removal.	Principal evaluation systems should reflect a comprehensive review of the established criteria and are an important information source for assessing the distribution of effective principals.

Directions:

Include the following information on the local school system's designated website reporting the evaluation systems of principals. The description of the principal evaluation system must explain how evaluation results are used in decisions regarding each of the following: principal professional development, compensation, promotion, retention and removal. If this information has already been included and updated on your school system's website, please indicate so below and provide the link.

1. Provide the link to this information on the school system's designated website below:
[www.kent.k12.md.us/files/ARRA Kent \(1\).pdf](http://www.kent.k12.md.us/files/ARRA%20Kent%20(1).pdf)

Citation	Description	Rationale
Indicator (a)(6)	Indicate, for each LEA in the State, whether the systems used to evaluate the performance of principals include student achievement outcomes or student growth data as an evaluation criterion.	Evaluation systems that include student achievement outcomes yield reliable assessments of teacher performance. Knowing if an evaluation system includes these outcomes informs the value of teacher performance ratings.

Directions:

1. Do the systems used to evaluate the performance of principals include student achievement outcomes or student growth as an evaluation criterion? (Mark "Yes" or "No")
 - a. Yes, the systems used to evaluate the performance of principals include student achievement outcomes or student growth as an evaluation criterion.
 - b. If Yes, please respond (check one):
 - Student achievement outcomes are included as an evaluation criterion.
 - Student growth is included as an evaluation criterion.

- c. No, the systems used to evaluate the performance of principals do not include student achievement outcomes or student growth as an evaluation criterion.

Citation	Description	Rationale
Indicator (a)(7)	Provide, for each LEA in the State whose principals receive performance ratings or levels through an evaluation system, the number and percentage (including numerator and denominator) of principals rated at each performance rating or level.	Ratings from principal evaluation systems further highlight the strengths and weaknesses of those systems and provide valuable information on the distribution of effective principals across districts.

Directions:

1. Complete the table below by listing each of the rating or performance levels in the LEA's performance evaluation systems, and the number and percentage of principals rated at each performance rating or level.

Performance Rating or Level	Number of Principals	Percentage of Principals
Not Meeting Standard	0	0%
Partially Meeting Standard	0	0%
Meeting Standard	9	100%
	Total: 9	

2. Please provide the link to this information on the school system's designated website below:

[www.kent.k12.md.us/files/ARRA Kent \(1\).pdf](http://www.kent.k12.md.us/files/ARRA%20Kent%20(1).pdf)

3. If the LEA does not currently publicly report this data, please list the major action steps that you will take to make this information publicly available by 6/30/11. Update the Action Steps Table (below) as appropriate to reflect progress to date.

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Facilities to Support Master Plan Strategies

The purpose of this section is to a.) Identify any major changes to the school system's overall plan for facilities in support of Bridge to Excellence Master Plan strategies and b.) Monitor the implementation of mandated prekindergarten programs. All school systems reported implementing mandatory Full-day Kindergarten programs for all children by school year 2007-8 as was required. Submission of the table of school names and program locations required in prior year updates is not required. Detailed capital improvement project descriptions and schedules are not required.

A. Overall Facilities Plan:

1. Provide a brief narrative description of any major facilities needs, processes, participants, and/or timelines identified in the last update that have changed substantially due to actual State and local government capital budget allocations or other factors.

Due to the economic situation in Kent County all major facility needs/capital improvement projects have been put on hold. Official notification from the County Government has been received to indicate no appropriations for Fy'10,Fy'11,Fy'12. The system's CIP plan submitted annually in October references this situation. Projects are being deferred.

2. List any changes to board of education goals, objectives, and implementation strategies that will impact facility needs.

The only change at the Board level is to support the project deferrals. Projects at the present time still remain in the same order.

B. Full or Half-Day Prekindergarten Programs:

Please address the following statements related to mandatory early childhood programs:

1. Provide a brief narrative description of any continuing issues related to providing facilities for mandated prekindergarten programs.

Kent County is able and providing mandated prekindergarten programs without any continuing issues.

2. Provide a list of schools by name where new prekindergarten programs will be added for school year 2010-2011. Please identify if the new programs will be full-day or half-day.

In Kent County there will be one new elementary school as a result of school consolidation. Prekindergarten programs will be provided in this school. At the current time it will be half day Galena Elementary School.