



Coalition of Innovative School Districts

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Current School Districts

Kansas City USD 500

Hugoton USD 210

Blue Valley USD 229

Marysville USD 364

McPherson USD 418

Concordia USD 333

Kansas City, Kansas

USD 500



Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools USD 500

▶ Eastern Kansas of 22,000 students

▶ 80% at risk (free lunch)

- 6th & 7th graders completing IPS using web based dashboard
- College & industry visits for students in grades 6-12
- 70% of all seniors received an academic scholarship from 12 IHE partner institutions
- 35% of graduates earned college credit; 45% Industry certificate 2016; looking forward to 2016 results

Dr. Cynthia Lane, Superintendent



Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools USD 500

- ▶ *Re-ignited Teaching Fellows in collaboration with Pittsburg State University*
- ▶ *Coalition Certified teachers and Master's level alternative certification teachers will receive the same training*
 - ▶ *Prepared to gain approval in May to implement in June for the 2016-17 school year*



Hugoton Schools USD 210



Hugoton Schools – USD 210



- ▶ Rural, SW KS district of 1,100 students
- ▶ Still considered property value rich, demographically poor
- ▶ 65% valuation decline over the past 7 years
- ▶ 60% poverty, 50% Hispanic, 38% English Language Learners

“The success of our students and our state is dependent on our ability to collaborate and think outside the box; reimagining the future and being open to new possibilities for success.”

Adrian Howie, Superintendent

Hugoton Schools – USD 210



School Families – Being used to help build social-emotional skills in students grades 3-6. Intergenerational groups that meet once a week and participate in “traditional family” type activities.

Kinder-Prep – Instead of the old T-1 model, this is between PreK and K. It is designed to address students who are not academically and/or socially ready for Kindergarten. Uses myIGDIs assessments to help identify students for this program. Currently 48 students enrolled.

Standards Based Grading – Will begin in 2016-2017. This initiative is to help increase the communication with parents regarding skill development of students. Will be used in grades PreK-6 and will be translated into home languages.

Oopa Food Service – In first year of agreement. Offering multiple menu options for students in all grade levels. Served more than 10,000 more meals this year (Avg. 15 more breakfast and 50 more lunches). Participates in Fresh Fruits and Vegetables grant. Offering grab and go lunches as HS an additional choice. Next year will offer additional 2nd chance breakfast. Saving the district nearly \$45,000.

Local Assessments – Aimsweb (K-6), MAP (K-8), and ACT Aspire (7-11) assessments are all given locally. Used to identify student growth and guide teachers on individual skills to address. Helps guide administration on class offerings.



Blue Valley - USD 229

- ▶ Eastern Kansas district with 21,807 students
 - ▶ 9% poverty
- ▶ Blue Valley will host the CISD meeting on April 21.
- ▶ Blue Valley's AVID program will be highlighted.
- ▶ AVID is a college readiness program designed for students in the "Academic Middle."
- ▶ Based on proven instructional strategies.
- ▶ In Blue Valley, AVID began in the Fall 2006 at one high school with 24 9th graders
- ▶ All five high schools offered the 9th grade class in Fall 2007
- ▶ All high schools currently have a section at 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th.
- ▶ Evaluation studies of the AVID program indicate very high levels of satisfaction from students, parents and staff.

USD 364 – Marysville

Northeast Kansas district with 696 students
43.97% poverty

- ▶ Testing
 - ▶ Primary focus on ACT Aspire because of the data and reports available
 - ▶ Local goal – Median student scoring at the 70th percentile nationally – 25% of subjects and grades tested met this goal in 1st year of testing
 - ▶ Seeking to work with the Coalition, the State Board, and KSDE for assessment flexibility allowed under ESSA
- ▶ State Board of Education Outcomes
 - ▶ Reviewing and considering changes to PreK program
 - ▶ Reviewing and improving Individual Plans of Study to include internship opportunities
 - ▶ Considering ACT Engage as one component to measure social and emotional growth

Superintendent Bill Mullins

McPherson

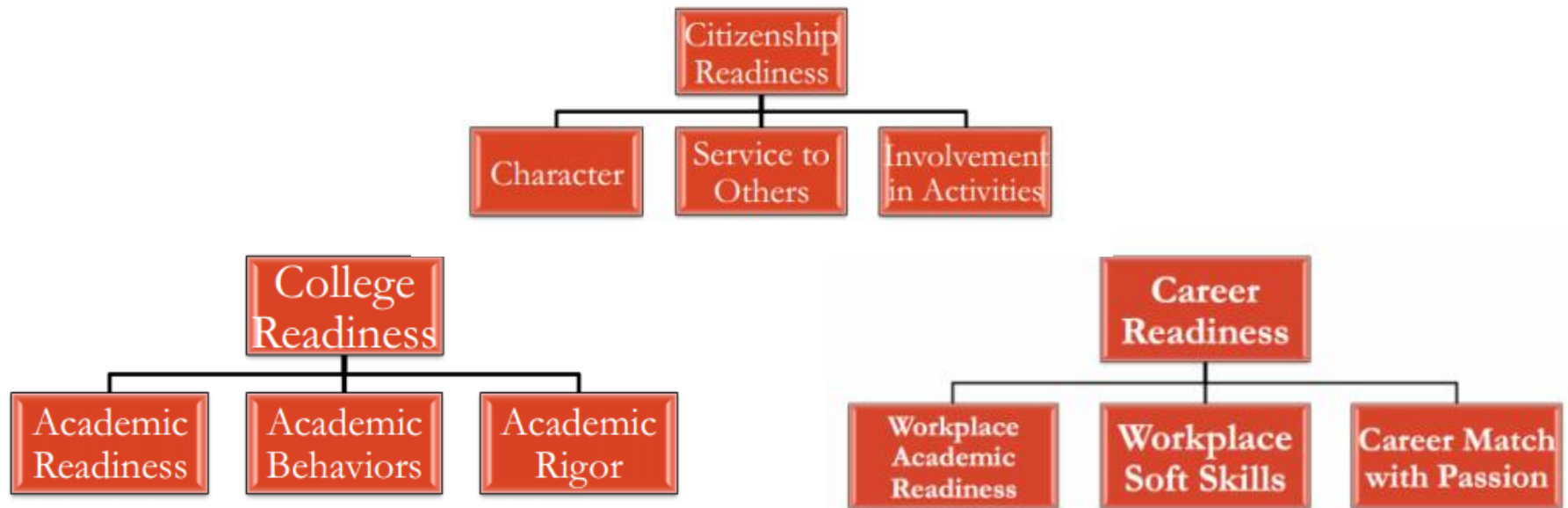
USD 418



McPherson

Superintendent Mark Crawford

Central Kansas district with
2,300 students
39% poverty



“The Coalition of Innovative School Districts was simply created to improve student performance and outcomes post high school, identify barriers to those goals and function as a center of school innovation in Kansas. We are in the early stages of implementation of the law but can already see that our work can lead to assisting all school districts in innovative change.”

Concordia USD 333

**North Central Kansas - 1048 students
37% at-risk (free lunch)**

New Certifications:

**Microsoft Office Specialist:
Word, Excel & Power Point**

**EverFi Financial Literacy
Certification**



Bev Mortimer, Superintendent, Coalition Chair

Concordia - USD 333

Recommendation

The External Review Team recommends to the AdvancED Accreditation Commission that the

Concordia USD 333

earn the distinction of accreditation by AdvancED.

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	Domains	External Review	AEN
1	Equitable Learning Environment	2.88	2.69
2	High Expectations Environment	2.83	2.81
3	Supportive Learning Environment	3.10	3.06
4	Active Learning Environment	3.15	2.94
5	Progress Monitoring and Feedback Environment	2.73	3.07
6	Well-Managed Learning Environment	3.21	3.13
7	Digital Learning Environment	1.81	1.82

IEQ Results

	External Review IEQ Score	AE Network Average
Overall Score	280.49	278.34
Teaching and Learning Impact	274.29	268.94
Leadership Capacity	305.00	292.64
Resource Utilization	260.00	283.86

Year 3

▶ 2015-16 Meeting Schedule

- ▶ **August, September, December, May** – Conference Call Meetings
- ▶ **October** – McPherson, Superintendent Mark Crawford – CCR Advocates, Monitoring Student Success, ENGAGE workshops
- ▶ **November** – Kansas City, Superintendent Cindy Lane – Diploma+ with student perspectives, “Readiness” initiatives at the elementary and middle school levels
- ▶ **January** – Topeka, Presenter Kent Reed on School Counseling
- ▶ **February** – Marysville, Superintendent Bill Mullins-Individual Plans of Study, Theme around grit *From Struggle to Triumph*, Data Dashboard, Technology Initiatives
- ▶ **March** – Hugoton, Superintendent Adrian Howie – Food Service Efficiency, Early Childhood Readiness/Services & Kinder Prep Program, Middle School “Families”
- ▶ **April** – Blue Valley, Todd White, Superintendent – AVID Program (*Advancement Via Individual Determination*)
- ▶ **June** – Concordia, Beverly Mortimer, Superintendent – AdvancED District Accreditation

Year 2

- ▶ March 2015-Dr. Steve Wyckoff developed a website for the Coalition
<http://innovativedistricts.com/>
- ▶ April 2015 – Specialized Certificates; Senator Abrams Finance proposal
- ▶ May 2015 – Specialized Certificates; 60 day requirement on teacher evaluation
- ▶ June 2015 – Specialized Certificates/Licensure Waivers; Out-of-State Colleges & Dual enrollment
- ▶ July 2015 – Gary Alexander & Karla Wiscombe KBOR to discuss dual enrollment, algebra I, work session w/school counselors to discuss barriers for students getting to college
- ▶ August 2015 – McPherson licensure waiver discussion
- ▶ September 2015 – Finalized meeting dates

Year 1

- ▶ February 2014 – Selection of first two districts – Randy Watson, McPherson named Chair of Coalition, Concordia selected as second district
- ▶ April 2014 – Applications & Presentations to State Board of Education
- ▶ May 2014 – State Board selected members to meet with Coalition
- ▶ June 2014 – SBOE approves McPherson & Concordia applications
 - ▶ Coalition begins official meetings and sets a framework
 - ▶ Coalition meets third Thursday of each month; open meetings
- ▶ July 2014 – Draft of By-Laws presented to State Board
- ▶ August 2014 – SBOE approval of Coalition By-laws
- ▶ October 2014 – SBOE approve of applications from Hugoton, Kansas City, Blue Valley
- ▶ December 2014 – Deadline for new applications
- ▶ February 2015 – SBOE approval of Marysville into Coalition



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