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### Kansas Tier I, II and III Schools: Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools as Defined by Title I School Improvement Grants Section 1003(g) May, 2012

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=4999>. Five schools that were previously identified as Tier I or Tier II schools and currently receive School Improvement Grants (SIG) Section 1003(g) funds are excluded from the list.

The Tier I schools come from the list of 2011-2012 Title I schools that are already identified as being in improvement, corrective action or restructuring. There are 41 Title I schools from which the Tier I 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. Schools that were previously identified as Tier I or Tier II schools and currently receive School Improvement Grants (SIG) Section 1003(g) funds are excluded from the list.

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 250 high schools are Title I eligible and have three years of state assessment data. 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 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. The Tier III list also includes some Title I eligible high schools that could be identified as Tier II schools. These schools are considered “too small” since the number of students in the assessed grades is less than 30. As a result, they are identified as Tier III schools.

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**Kansas Tier I, Tier II and Tier III Schools  
(Sorted by USD #)**

Tier	USD_#	USD_Name	School Name	NCES_#	SIG School 2011- 2012	2011 Graduation Rate (%)	Graduation Rate <60% for 3 years	Small Schools # Students in Assessed Grades
Tier I								
I	D0259	Wichita	Mead Middle School	201299001908				
I	D0259	Wichita	Marshall Middle School	201299001908				
I	D0500	Kansas City	Banneker Elem	200795001388				
I	D0500	Kansas City	Douglass Elem	200795001393				
I	D0500	Kansas City	New Stanley Elem	200795001409				
Tier II								
II	D0250	Pittsburg	Pittsburg High School	201071000208		78.4	No	
II	D0259	Wichita	Metro Blvd Alt High	201299000345		61.3	No	
II	D0259	Wichita	West High	201299000349		68.5	No	
II	D0259	Wichita	Southeast High	201299000348		71.7	No	
II	D0259	Wichita	North High	201299000346		78	No	
II	D0259	Wichita	South High	201299000347		73.9	No	
II	D0283	Elk Valley	Elk Valley High School	200576000436		92.3	No	
II	D0409	Atchison	Atchison Alternative School	200354001868		50	No	
II	D0500	Kansas City	F L Schlagle High	200795001425		73.1	No	
II	D0500	Kansas City	J C Harmon High	200795001423		55	No	
II	D0500	Kansas City	Wyandotte High	200795001420		74.5	No	
Tier II Based on Graduation Rate Less than 60% for 3 Yrs								
II	D0259	Wichita	Metro Meridian Alt High	201299001697		48.4	Yes	
II	D0400	Smoky Valley	Smoky Valley Virtual Charter Scho	200000201809		25	Yes	
II	D0416	Louisburg	Peoria Street Learning Center	200897001742		23.8	Yes	
Tier III								
III	D0209	Moscow	Moscow Elementary	200972000053				
III	D0214	Ulysses	Kepley Middle School	201242000067				
III	D0214	Ulysses	Sullivan Elementary	201242000068				
III	D0259	Wichita	Anderson Elementary	201299001648				
III	D0259	Wichita	Franklin Elementary	201299000274				
III	D0259	Wichita	Gardiner Elementary	201299000276				

III	D0259	Wichita	Hamilton Middle School	201299001800
III	D0259	Wichita	Jardine Technology Middle Magne	201299001800
III	D0259	Wichita	Lincoln Elemetary	201299000294
III	D0259	Wichita	Stanley Elementary	201299000317
III	D0259	Wichita	Truesdell Middle School	201299000343
III	D0261	Haysville	Prairie Elementary	200705001876
III	D0308	Hutchinson	Lincoln Elemetary	200762000535
III	D0343	Perry-Lecompton	Perry-Lecompton Elementary	201062000675
III	D0409	Atchison	Atchison Elementary	200354001126
III	D0445	Coffeyville	Community Elementary	200498001772
III	D0450	Shawnee Heights	Tecumseh North Elementary	201218001137
III	D0457	Garden City	Bernadine Sitts Intermediate Cent	200639001207
III	D0457	Garden City	Charles O Stones Intermediate Cei	200639001227
III	D0469	Lansing	Lansing Elementary	200834001920
III	D0475	Geary County	Junction City Middle School	200789001266
III	D0480	Liberal	Cottonwood Intermediate	200873001587
III	D0500	Kansas City	Grant Elementary	200795001395
III	D0500	Kansas City	Rosedale Middle School	201226001418
	D-5-1	Topeka	Highland Park Central Elementary	201226001445
III	D0501	Topeka	Eisenhower Middle School	201226001452
III	D0501	Topeka	Meadows Elementary	201226001114
III	D0501	Topeka	Quincy Elementary	201226001459
III	D0501	Topeka	Ross Elementary	201226001447
III	D0501	Topeka	Scott Computer Technology Magn	201226001115
III	D0501	Topeka	State Street Elementary	201226001463
III	D0512	Shawnee Mission	Shawano Elementary	201164001537

Additional Tier III Schools--Small  
Size (less than 30 in assessed HS  
grades) so Excluded from Tier II

III	D0110	Thunder Ridge	Thunder Ridge High School	200034601922	73.3	19
III	D0265	Goddard	Goddard Academy	200654001917	33.8	12
III	D0511	Attica	Attica High School	200465000913	72.7	19
III	D0401	Chase-Raymond	Chase High School	200354001868	79.6	17
III	D0409	Atchison	Atchison Alternative School	200354001868	50	19
III	D0501	Topeka	Capital City	201226001471	62.5	14