KELI Professional Learning for Principals: Seminar 3

Accreditation Step-by-Step

January 21, 2015
WHAT ARE YOU ALREADY DOING BECAUSE OF QPA?
QPA Quality Criteria

1. School Improvement Plan (incl. staff dev.)
2. External Assistance Team
3. Locally determined assessments (aligned)
4. Formal training re: standards, assessments
5. Local BOE requirements
   - teacher/substitute teacher licensure
   - minimum enrollment
   - student credit transfer/acceptance
   - records retention
QPA Quality Criteria

6. Local graduation requirements meeting state minimum
7. Regents/Honor Scholar curricula
8. Specified elementary and secondary programs and services
9. Specified secondary programs and services
10. Athletic participation policies
11. Specified programs and services supporting learning and growth
QPA Performance Criteria and New Model

- Student achievement
  RESULTS – ACADEMIC / COGNITIVE
- Assessment participation
  RESULTS – ACADEMIC / COGNITIVE
- Attendance rates
  RELEVANCE – STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
- Graduation rates
  RESULTS – EMPLOYABILITY
WHAT TO DO NOW

1. Continue to do what you are already doing.
2. Begin review of rubrics to determine what they mean in your district. (IRA)
4. Be transparent now.
Today’s Discussion of Proposed New Model

1. Requirements
2. Process
3. What’s next
4. Unpacking the Five Rs
5. Documenting growth
Advisory Council Recommendations in Place

- District level accreditation model
- The Five Rs
- Rubrics for four of the Rs
- Four components under each R (with Results “R” using College- and Career-Ready Results)
- Public transparency through KSDE dashboard
- KSDE training of all members of Outside Validation Teams
- Five-year cycle
New Model Requirements

- Stakeholder Participation
- Evidence (data, artifacts) of CCR Results
- Goal Areas (Framework - 5 Rs)
- Building Goals/Action Plans
- District Leadership Goals/Leadership Plans
- Professional Learning
- Implementation
- Mid-implementation Review
- Post-implementation Analysis
- On-site Visit
- Accreditation Rating
- Public Transparency throughout process
Stakeholder Participation

**District Employees**
- Building Leadership Team
- District Leadership Team

**Other Stakeholders**
- Building Site Council
- District Site Council
- Board of Education

**Outside Validation**
- Outside Validation Team
- KSDE oversight
- Public transparency
# Framework/CCR Results

## RELATIONSHIPS

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- Staff
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- Career & Technical Ed
- Professional Learning
- Resources
- Data

## RESULTS

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"witnessable evidence of growth and learning—allows curriculum and instruction to be delivered in a timely fashion based on the needs and desires of the individual learner." (KSDE, 2010, p. 46)

- Academic / Cognitive
- Technical / Career-specific
- Employability
- Post-secondary evidence

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**CCR = ACTE**

District Leadership Goals/Plans

- Layer of accountability at district level
- Actively involves district leadership and BOE in the process
Public Transparency

Where

- School Home Page
- District Home Page
- KSDE Dashboard

How

- All accreditation work is accomplished through KSDE Accreditation System – step-by-step, screen-by-screen guidance through entire process.
# USD #XYZ Sunnytown Dashboard

## MORE INFO:
- Budget/Finance
- Demographics
- English Learners
- Health/Wellness
- Kan-Eat
- Migrants
- MTSS
- Special Education
- Title Programs
- Transportation

## LOCAL INFO:
- Contact Information
- Google Map
- Official Website

## Post-Secondary Attendance
- **94%**

## Post-Secondary Remediation
- **45%**

## Post-Secondary Retention
- **52%**

### Academic/Cognitive

### Technical/Career-Specific

### Employability

## Quality Educator

## Licensure

## Educator Demographics

## Educator Quality

## Educator Licensure

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**Kansas Education Systems Accreditation:**
- **The Five Rs**
- **ACCREDITED**
- Rating expires: 6/30/2021
- Details>>>
Accreditation Process
QPA
New Model
Process

Year One

1. Assemble and train all teams/committees.
2. Buildings conduct **NEEDS ASSESSMENT**. Building Site Council acknowledges, Superintendent approves.
3. District conducts **NEEDS ASSESSMENT** and selects 1-2 Rs as **GOAL AREAS**. District Site Council gives feedback.
4. District conducts virtual meeting with OVT.
5. BOE acknowledges needs assessments, approves goal areas.
Process

Year Two

1. Buildings develop 2-3 **BUILDING GOALS** related to the district-wide goal areas.
2. Buildings develop a **BUILDING ACTION PLAN** for each goal developed in Step 1.
3. Building Site Councils give feedback on goals and plans. Superintendent approves goals and plans.
4. District develops 2-3 **DISTRICT LEADERSHIP GOALS** related to the district-wide goal areas.
5. District develops **DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ACTION PLAN** for each district leadership goal.
6. District and Buildings can initiate **PROFESSIONAL LEARNING** to prepare staff for implementation.
Process

Year Three
1. District and Buildings implement action plans, gathering **EVIDENCE AND ARTIFACTS** throughout.
2. Buildings conduct **MID-IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW** at year-end and make adjustments (as indicated) for the following year.
3. District conducts **MID-IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW** at year-end and makes adjustments (as indicated) for following year.
4. District Site Council and Outside Validation Team give feedback on adjustments.
5. BOE approves any adjustments.
Process

Year Four

1. Buildings continue implementation of building action plans, gathering EVIDENCE AND ARTIFACTS throughout.


3. District continues implementation of district leadership action plans, gathering EVIDENCE AND ARTIFACTS throughout.

4. District updates District Site Council, OVT, and BOE by Dec. 15 and March 15.

5. Buildings begin gathering data, as applicable, for upcoming post-implementation analysis.
Process

Year Five

1. Buildings and District conduct POST IMPLEMENTATION ANALYSIS (similar process to needs assessment).
2. District conducts OVT ON-SITE VISIT.
3. District submits APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT ACCREDITATION RATING by March 1.
4. State Board acts on applications in April.
5. NEW DISTRICT ACCREDITATION RATING is effective July 1 and remains in effect for five years or until State Board acts to change it.
Accreditation Status

(Advisory Council will finalize a recommendation at Feb. 9 meeting.)

Accredited
- USDs and non-public schools completing all requirements and demonstrating continual overall growth

Conditionally Accredited
- USDs with more than ___% of its schools involved in mandated improvement programs or not showing significant, continual overall improvement
- New non-public schools seeking initial accreditation

Not Accredited
- USDs and non-public school participants not completing requirements and/or not demonstrating overall growth

(Non-public schools that do not participate in state accreditation are supposed to be registered with KSDE.)
Advisory Council Recommendations to Come

- Finalize prerequisites/prerequisite waivers
- Define accreditation statuses
- Recommend rewards/sanctions
- Define Outside Validation Team details
KSDE Work to Do

- Revise regulations
- Accreditation software (authenticated app)
- Accreditation instructions/guidance for field
- Professional learning for field
- Training for Outside Validation Team members
- Details of implementation
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- Academic / Cognitive
- Technical / Career-specific
- Employability
- Post-secondary evidence

Note: Results components revised by KSDE Accreditation Advisory Council recommendation Dec. 1, 2014.
Five Rs Debriefing

- Understanding ‘The Five Rs’ Framework and the four Rubrics
- Relationships/Evidence
- Relevance/Evidence
- Responsive Culture/Evidence
- Rigor/Evidence

What are your schools already doing that address these four of the Five Rs?

What evidence/artifacts do you already gather on a regular basis that will assist you in demonstrating your results in the new accreditation model?

Takeaways:
KSDE: Input from field on the rubrics and questions/suggestions.
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Types of Results

Indicators

established (through research) readiness measures used during PK-12

Predictors

Factors/measures strongly correlated (through research) with improved post-secondary outcomes

Other Potential Factors

factors identified as important (through research) to post-secondary success

Evidence

measures of actual post-secondary success of graduates

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Results Debriefing

What are your schools already doing that addresses ACTE?

What evidence/artifacts do you already gather on a regular basis that will assist your school and district in demonstrating ACTE results in the new accreditation model?

Takeaways:
KSDE: Input from field on the RESULTS components and questions/suggestions.
Field: How new model meshes with what they are already doing and ideas of evidence/artifacts for showing growth in each of the RESULTS components.
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