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Kansas Blueprint for Literacy – Centers of Excellence in Literacy

BLUEPRINT FOR LITERACY

Senate Bill 438 was signed into law by Governor Laura Kelly on April 25, 2024, establishing the Kansas Blueprint for Literacy. The law requires the advisory committee to develop a plan to establish six Centers of Excellence in Reading.

VISION: Deliver world-class education and educator training in the Science of Reading. The Centers ensure Kansas teachers and school leaders are highly skilled in the application of the Science of Reading, in the support of families, and in providing community-based interventions designed to meet the unique needs of the Centers' catchment area.

PURPOSE: The Centers will prepare and support educators; provide on-going professional learning, literacy coaching, evaluation, assessment, and intervention; and support for families in their communities and catchment areas.

INTENT TO APPLY

The Kansas Board of Regents through the Office of Literacy welcomes applicants to be part of the network of resources and partnerships to develop educators, leaders, and support families. Parties interested in submitting a proposal to serve as a lead organization for a Center of Excellence must demonstrate the following:

1. Accredited Educator Preparation Program by the Kansas State Board of Education
2. Adherence to the standards, conditions, and fiscal requirements established by Kansas Board of Regents
3. Conduct and submit an annual evaluation as outlined in the Framing Document and adhere to recommendations for improvements made by the Office of Literacy
4. Submit Intent to Apply to the Office of Literacy by October 14, 2024
5. Submit Proposal to the Office of Literacy by October 28, 2024
6. Present Proposal to the Blueprint for Literacy Advisory Committee on November 15, 2024

Submit Letters of Interest to

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