

BUILDING NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Template Instructions

Please enter in all blue boxes.

The questions in the Building Needs Assessment are suggestions only and can be edited by adding or removing topics/questions in order to make sure its best fit for your district. If removing and adding questions, it's suggested to use the [Word](#) or [Excel](#) templates. By statute, all buildings must complete some form of a Needs Assessment.

Templates for BOE State Assessments Review/Building State Assessments Review may be found on [KSDE's School Finance Guidelines & Manuals page](#) in the Guidelines section.

Please reference the [Needs Assessment and State Assessment Review Guidelines](#) for more information.

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SECTION 1: Student Needs		Notes
a. Student Headcount	15	Enrollment is down due to the loss of our facilities. However, the enrollment for our independent students has doubled.
b. Percentage of students with an active IEP	6.00%	
c. Percentage of students enrolled in English Language Learner (ELL) services	0.00%	
d. Percentage of students identified as At-Risk (Free lunch)?	0.00%	
e. Pupil-Teacher Ratio Average	15.0	

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f. Pupil-Teacher Ratio Median	15.0	
g. Are the needs of Foster Care Students being met? If no, what supports are needed?	yes	
h. Are there gaps in student success among race/ethnicity student subgroups?		Too small numbers to be reported
i. Is there a tiered system of support to target reading growth?	No	
j. Is there a tiered system of support to target math growth?	No	
k. Are there local assessments to measure reading growth?	No	

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l. Are there local assessments to measure math growth?	No	
m. Are there learning opportunities for students to focus on academic needs outside the traditional classroom setting?	Yes	Virtual students can do work anytime of the day. Contact staff via email, etc.
n. Reviewing state assessment data, what steps are you taking for all students to maximize their scores?		Students in our virtual school tend to score at level 1 or 2, we do not get enough data to statistically evaluate this. We do make every effort to work with their schedule for testing, provide them with a place and a computer as well as proctor the testing.
o. Are there set targets/goals to move students out of proficiency Levels 1 and 2 on state assessments?		We need to develop a plan to assist students through structured plans like MTSS and Fastbridge benchmarking. As we get our feet on solid ground with the virtual school, we will consider how to add this.

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SECTION 2: State Board of Education Outcomes (please utilize your district KESA (accreditation) and Star Recognition plans/rubrics)		Notes
a. How is social/emotional growth being measured?		
b. What are the targets/goals related to social/emotional growth?		
c. How do you determine students are ready for Kindergarten? (only if building serves Kindergarteners)	N/A	
d. What are the targets/goals related to Kindergarten Readiness? (only if building serves Kindergarteners)	N/A	
e. How are successes of Individual Plans of Study being measured?	This is an area we need to improve upon.	
f. What are the targets/goals related to postsecondary completion/attendance? (only if building serves Grade 12)	This is an area we need to improve upon.	
g. How are you ensuring students are civically engaged?		

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SECTION 3: Curriculum Needs		Notes
a. What extended learning opportunities are provided (after school programs, summer school programs, etc.)?	Summer school can be provided through our virtual platform.	
b. Are there appropriate and adequate instructional materials?	Yes, we use up to date virtual platforms.	
c. Is current technology appropriate? If no, what technology is needed to support the curriculum?	Yes, we are a one-to-one district Pre k - 12. We can provide students with chromebooks for virtual school if needed.	

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SECTION 4: Educational Capacities (pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3218)		Notes
b. Subjects and areas of instruction necessary to meet the graduation requirements adopted by the state board of education are taught. (only if building serves Grades 10-12)	Yes	
c. Is every child in your school provided at least the following capacities?		
1. Sufficient oral and written communication skills to enable students to function in complex and rapidly changing civilization.	Yes	As age appropriate
2. Sufficient knowledge of economic, social, and political systems to enable students to make informed choices.	yes	As age appropriate

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3. Sufficient understanding of governmental processes to enable the student to understand the issues that affect his or her community, state and nation.	yes	Age appropriate.
4. Sufficient self-knowledge and knowledge of his or her mental and physical wellness.	yes	Age appropriate.
5. Sufficient grounding in the arts to enable each student to appreciate his or her cultural and historical heritage.	yes	
6. Sufficient training or preparation for advanced training in either academic or vocational fields so as to enable each child to choose and pursue life work intelligently.	We help our students by creating their own plan of study and mapping that to their future plans.	
7. Sufficient levels of academic or vocational skills to enable students to compete favorably with their counterparts in surrounding states, in academics or in job market.	We recently added the option for students in the virtual school to take classes for dual credit through BCC.	

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SECTION 5: Staff Needs		Notes
a. Is there adequate personnel/staff to meet the needs of the school and the needs of students under ESEA guidelines, which requires every classroom to contain an educator who is certified in the content area being taught in said classroom, and meet the goals of the school?	In most areas, but not all.	
b. How many classified support staff are currently employed?	0	
c. How many classified support staff are needed?	0	
d. Are there enough appropriately licensed support personnel such as counselors, librarians, nurses, etc.?	No	We do not have a licensed counselor, full time nurse or librarian.

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SECTION 5: Staff Needs		Notes
e. Are principals & other key staff trained to provide instructional leadership and professional development to teachers?	Yes	Principal/Superintendent has 6 years experience as instructional coach and trained in Jim Knights instructional coaching.
f. What staff development is necessary for teachers to support student success and meet the school improvement goals?	Reading and Math best practices	

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SECTION 6: Facility Needs		Notes
a. Is there adequate space for student learning?		
b. Are there necessary repairs and/or adjustment to the existing space that need to be made?		
c. Are additional School Buses needed or any additional Routes needed?		

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SECTION 7: Family Needs/Community Relations		Notes
a. Do you have regular events to engage parents with teachers?	Yes	virtual check ins and orientation
b. What types of caregiver training programs (teaching guardians how to give students help with homework, use technology that students will be required to use, etc.) are provided?	N/A	
c. Do you have an active Site Council?	Yes	
d. Do you have active PTO, PTA, Booster Club, or other organizations with parent leadership?	N/A	
e. What types of communication exists with families? Is it adequate?	Email is the main form of communication with our virtual students/families.	
f. What types of communication/social media exists with your community? Is it adequate?	Social media and school website	

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SECTION 8: School Data		Notes
a. Building Attendance Rate	100.00%	
b. Building Chronic Absenteeism Rate	0.00%	This is higher than the state average of 21%.
c. District Chronic Absenteeism Rate	11.50%	This includes OBA/Southwinds
d. District Graduation Rate	69.20%	This includes OBA/Southwinds
e. District Dropout Rate	4.70%	This includes OBA/Southwinds

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SECTION 8: School Data		Notes
SECTION 8A: High School Needs (buildings with grades 10 through 12 only)		
a. What is our building graduation rate	42.80%	
b. What is our building dropout rate?	14.00%	
c. What is our average comprehensive ACT score?	NaN%	

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SECTION 9: Other Data		Notes
a. Based on the building leadership team's analysis, what are the barriers your school faces with non-assessment related issues?	Lack of Staff/Students	
1. Can these be achieved with additional resources?	Budget reallocations and grants to fund other areas to free up funding.	
2. Why or why not?	Teachers are hard to find, grants do not guarantee longevity.	
b. Additional building unique items:		