



Local Indicators of Quality

Optional Submission Process for Implementation Grant

Kentucky Department of Education

Under [House Bill 257 \(2026\)](#), Kentucky public school districts may develop and implement a system of locally developed Indicators of Quality to supplement state accountability measures. To offset development and implementation costs, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is authorized to offer a **one-time grant of up to \$15,000 per district**. Districts must complete and submit their request using the diagnostic in the Cognia Improvement Platform (CIP) by the deadline to secure these funds.

Funding and Submission Logistics

- **Amount:** One-time grant up to \$15,000 per district
- **Funding Availability:** Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027
- **Submission Deadline:** April 1, 2027
- **Process:** KDE runs monthly submission reports and issues grants after review.
- **Platform:** Cognia Improvement Platform - Local Indicators of Quality Diagnostic

Statutory Criteria (HB 257)

Locally developed Indicators of Quality must meet the following:

- **KAS Alignment:** Directly aligned with state academic standards
- **Vibrant Learning:** Must include student participation in vibrant learning experiences characterized by student agency, community/workforce partnerships, and personalized projects.
- **Public Dashboard:** Districts must maintain a publicly available online display of school/district performance disaggregated by student subgroups.

Diagnostic Submission Requirements

To obtain the implementation grant, the district must complete the **Local Indicators of Quality Diagnostic** in the **Cognia Improvement Platform (CIP)**, providing the following:

Team Composition	List all team members responsible for the development and oversight of the locally developed Indicators of Quality.
Indicators of Quality	Provide a list of indicators. These must align with the KAS, measure quality, allow students to apply knowledge in real-world contexts, and include student participation in vibrant learning.
Implementation Timeline	Provide a structured timeline showing how and when the locally developed Indicators of Quality will be further developed and implemented across the district.
Local Board Approval	Submit official local board of education minutes indicating that both the local quality indicators and the implementation timeline were approved and adopted.

Need support? KDE's Regional Innovation Specialists (RIS) are available to provide technical assistance. For direct questions regarding submission, contact KDE's Division of Innovation.