

KCM Investing in Innovation Grant Opportunity

FAQ's

Q: If one of our schools receives this grant does the school/district get to choose the teacher?

A: The school/district would choose the participating teacher although we do have the requirement that the chosen teacher have at least three years of relevant teaching experience. We are also thinking about providing some guidance about the characteristics/experiences that we have seen that make an intervention teacher/school successful. This guidance would be based on what we have seen in the first four years of the existing intervention program and would be offered to help schools/districts choose an appropriate teacher.

Q: If the i3 grant is funded and a school has not sent a letter of intent to apply, are they still able to apply for the grant?

A: Yes

Q: When will the grant start?

A: The grant will be submitted in May 2010. If funded, schools would apply in January 2011. The first cohort would begin in summer 2011 with the possibility of a second cohort to begin in summer 2012.

Q: I am confused in that it states the letter of intent is due April 19, 2010, but the deadline for the application itself is not until January 30, 2011. Would you please clarify this for me?

A: The letter of interest would accompany our i3 application which is due in May 2010. If our i3 application is funded interested schools would then have until January 30, 2011 to submit a completed application to us.

Q: On page 3 under "Data Collection and Evaluation", the grant requires a universal screener for all students. Our district currently uses Discovery Education Assessment (ThinkLink) as our benchmark screener at least three times per year. In order to apply for the potential grant, would DE be a viable option? If GMADE or MAP are required, by "all students" do you mean all students involved in the intervention or all students in the school?

A: At this point (with the RFA being in draft form) we expect that DE would be a viable option for identifying which students in grades K-3 would receive intervention. Progress monitoring data for all students in grades K-5 would need to be reported. We are considering recommending MAP in the final RFA, in which case we would allow grant funds to be used to purchase this tool.

Q: Do schools have to have a Title 1 designation in order to be eligible for funding?

A: No, a Title 1 designation is not a requirement.

Q: If the Mathematics Achievement Fund is not continued, will schools that previously received MAFs be eligible to apply for the KCM i3 program?

A: No. The intent of the KCM's i3 plan is to provide funding, training, and support for mathematics intervention teacher leaders at schools that have not previously received state mathematics achievement funds.

Q: Is a school eligible to apply for KCM i3 funding if the highest grade level at that school is kindergarten?

A: Yes.