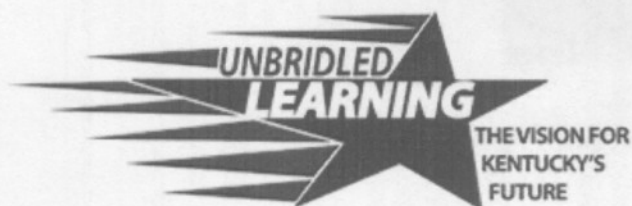


# Kentucky Department of Education

## Race To the Top: Investing in Kentucky's Future

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### Race to the Top Application

The Race to the Top fund is a \$4.35 billion competitive grant program for state education agencies that will encourage and reward states for past accomplishments and create incentives for future improvements. As its foundation, Kentucky's application for Race to the Top (RTTT) will use our vision for how our education system will look moving forward. This vision is learner-centric and designed to meet the demands of the 21st century. At the center are the students, with clear knowledge of what they will need to be ready for college and career. Supporting those students are their teachers, effective and able to provide high-quality learning opportunities to all students. Those teachers are in turn supported by their schools and school leaders, who provide guidance to continually improve the quality of learning occurring in the classroom. Schools are nested within districts, providing supports and connections to best practices. Finally, the state sets the context for all, holding a high bar for success and enabling each district, school, teacher and student to succeed.

The application will serve two purposes: to show the current state of education reform efforts in our state to describe our plan to enhance and build on those efforts in the future and how the RTTT funding will make that possible. The application criteria require us to look at how we are doing and what we plan to do in four key reform areas:

- adopting internationally benchmarked standards and assessments that prepare students for success in college and the workplace
- recruiting, developing, retaining, and rewarding effective teachers and principals
- building data systems that measure student success and inform teachers and principals how they can improve their practices
- turning around our lowest-performing schools

Senate Bill 1 passed in the 2009 session of the Kentucky General Assembly, enables Kentucky to address many of the aspects of the Race to the Top guidelines. For more information and resources related to Senate Bill 1, please go to [Senate Bill 1](#).

Additional resources related to Kentucky's Race to the Top Application Development can be found below. If you want more information about the Race to the Top fund, visit the United States Department of Education's Web site at [USDOE Information on Race to the Top](#).

### Local District RTTT MOU

For Kentucky to have a successful Race to the Top application, it is critical for there to be large scale commitment from local school districts. In exchange for the commitment, local districts will share in half of the state's funded proposal. To participate, each local district must agree to fully implement the state's strategies in each of the four reform areas, fully collaborate with KDE in the implementation of Race to the Top strategies and develop a more detailed Final Scope of Work within 90 days of grant award (in collaboration with KDE). Each MOU needs the signatures of the local district superintendent, the chairperson of the local district school board, and the local education association leader demonstrating the extent of local district leadership support. After it is signed, the MOU should be faxed to David Cook at 502-564-0062. The original signed hard copy of the MOU should then be mailed to David Cook at:

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RTTT MOU



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RTTT MOU Resource Kit



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Dr. Terry Holliday, RTTT Presentation to  
KASS - Dec 7, 2009



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Kentucky RTTT Response to Notice of  
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Race to the Top Glossary



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