



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

Technical Assistance Team

Application Process for Community Members

Overview

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is recruiting community members to join Technical Assistance Teams (TAT) to conduct quality reviews this fall of schools identified as in “Academic Probation” according to the state’s Public Law 221 (PL 221). PL 221 was passed by the Indiana General Assembly in 1999 – prior to the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 – and is aimed to establish major educational reform and accountability statewide by instituting a comprehensive accountability system for K-12 education. The schools to be reviewed by the Technical Assistance Teams have been in Academic Probation status for four consecutive years based on results from scores on the Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+).

Your participation on the TAT would certainly be appreciated but is voluntary with no remuneration for your time and travel available. However, you would be paired with a school in your community or area of the state.

Eligibility

A resident of the community/region of identified schools.

Requirements

Submission of the following three items:

1. Resume/curriculum vitae
2. Answers to questions
Submit answers to the three questions outlined below
3. Signed Agreement
Review and sign the separate document entitled “*Responsibilities of Technical Assistance Team Members*”

If selected as a technical assistance team member, participate in training on the following dates:

- South Bend- Morning of October 17th
- Evansville - Morning of October 31st

Questions to be Addressed

1. What strengths/skills would you offer to the Technical Assistance Team?
2. The schools that receive a school quality review through TAT are entering their fourth consecutive year under state sanction (PL 221) of Academic Probation. Why do you think these schools find themselves in this predicament? What might be the solution(s)?
3. Each TAT will comprise a diverse membership, with strong individual strengths and belief systems. As such, there will be diverse and divergent thinking during each review. Describe your experience working in teams. Provide a “for instance” or example of when you faced and addressed a conflict within a team setting.

Please submit your resume, the answers to your questions and the signed agreement by **October 6, 2011** to Ronald Sandlin at rsandlin@doe.in.gov. Please use the subject line: TAT Community Member Application when sending your information by email. You may also choose to mail your information to:

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Selected members will need to provide information for a limited-criminal history check.