



STATE NOTICE No. 1-10

Subject: Out-of-School Youth Definition Revision

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Expiration: None

Originating Office: Kansas Department of Commerce Workforce Services

Program: Workforce Investment Act

Purpose: To provide workforce boards and WIA program operators with a revised definition of *out-of-school youth* and to clarify the impact this definition change has on serving youth who have dropped out of school.

Reference: WIA Section 101(33) Out-of-School Youth; Policy 3-19-01 (*Management Information Systems Manual –Revision # 1*).

Background: WIA defines an out-of-school youth as:

- a) an eligible youth who is a school dropout; or
- b) an eligible youth who has received a secondary school diploma or its equivalent, but is basic skills deficient, unemployed, or underemployed.

Under Category A of this definition a school dropout is further defined as an individual who is no longer attending any school and who has not received a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent (WIA Section 101(39)). In addition, the Kansas WIA program has defined an in-school youth as one who currently attends ABE/GED and whose class has not graduated from high school. The impact of the current definition restricts access to a category of WIA eligible youth who would otherwise be considered out-of-school youth.

Action(s): Effective as of the date of this notice local boards and program operators are to include as out-of-school youth all dropouts without regard to their high school class status including out-of-school youth attending ABE/GED. The MIS manual definition will be revised to reflect this change.

Disseminate this notice to all interested parties.

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Attachment(s): None