

Administrative Memo

Date: November 3, 2016
To: Superintendent of Schools
From: Jocelyn Strand, Coordinator of School Improvement
Subject: QS-16-007 - Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) Items Not Waived Checklist

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has the responsibility to ensure Missouri's public school districts are compliant with legislation and State Board of Education regulations. As an assurance, all districts must complete the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) Items Not Waived Checklist http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/dac_forms/MO5002723.pdf on an annual basis. The checklist is due November 30, 2016 and may be submitted via fax (573-522-1759), email (msip@dese.mo.gov) or mail.

The Department requires that LEAs mark each item with a response of "Yes," "No," "K8" or "N/A" (not applicable). If "No" or "N/A," then the LEA shall provide an explanation in the comment field detailing why the requirement has not been met and how the district plans to become compliant.

The MSIP Items Not Waived Checklist is updated annually based on new legislative and regulatory action. Items added to the 2016 checklist, due to legislative action, are included below and were effective August 28, 2016, unless otherwise noted:

- Districts shall determine a child is gifted only if the child meets the definition of "gifted" children as provided in Section 162.275, RSMo.
- Districts shall require the Pledge of Allegiance be recited at least one scheduled class of every pupil enrolled in school no less often than once per school day. (Section 171.021, RSMo)

Items #31-37 are not effective during the 2016-17 school year, but will be implemented in the future. They are included on the MSIP Items Not Waived Checklist in order for your district to develop appropriate policies and procedures.

If you have questions, please contact your Area Supervisor or Cathi Rust at 573-751-4426. See contact information at: <http://dese.mo.gov/qs/qs-region-map.html>.

We appreciate your continued dedication to improving outcomes for students.