**Section 560.20 Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants shall be the City of Chicago School District 299 and the 20 lowest-performing school districts within each of the geographic areas identified in Section 2-3.137(d) of the School Code, ranked according to the percentage of all the scores attained by students on most recent administration of the State assessment for which data are available that were classified as demonstrating proficiency (see 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1.30). Public university laboratory schools approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 18-8.05(K) of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/18-8.05(K)] and charter schools shall also be eligible to apply if their performance is within the range of the 20 lowest-performing districts for their respective geographic areas; see 105 ILCS 5/2-3.109a and 27A-11.5, respectively.