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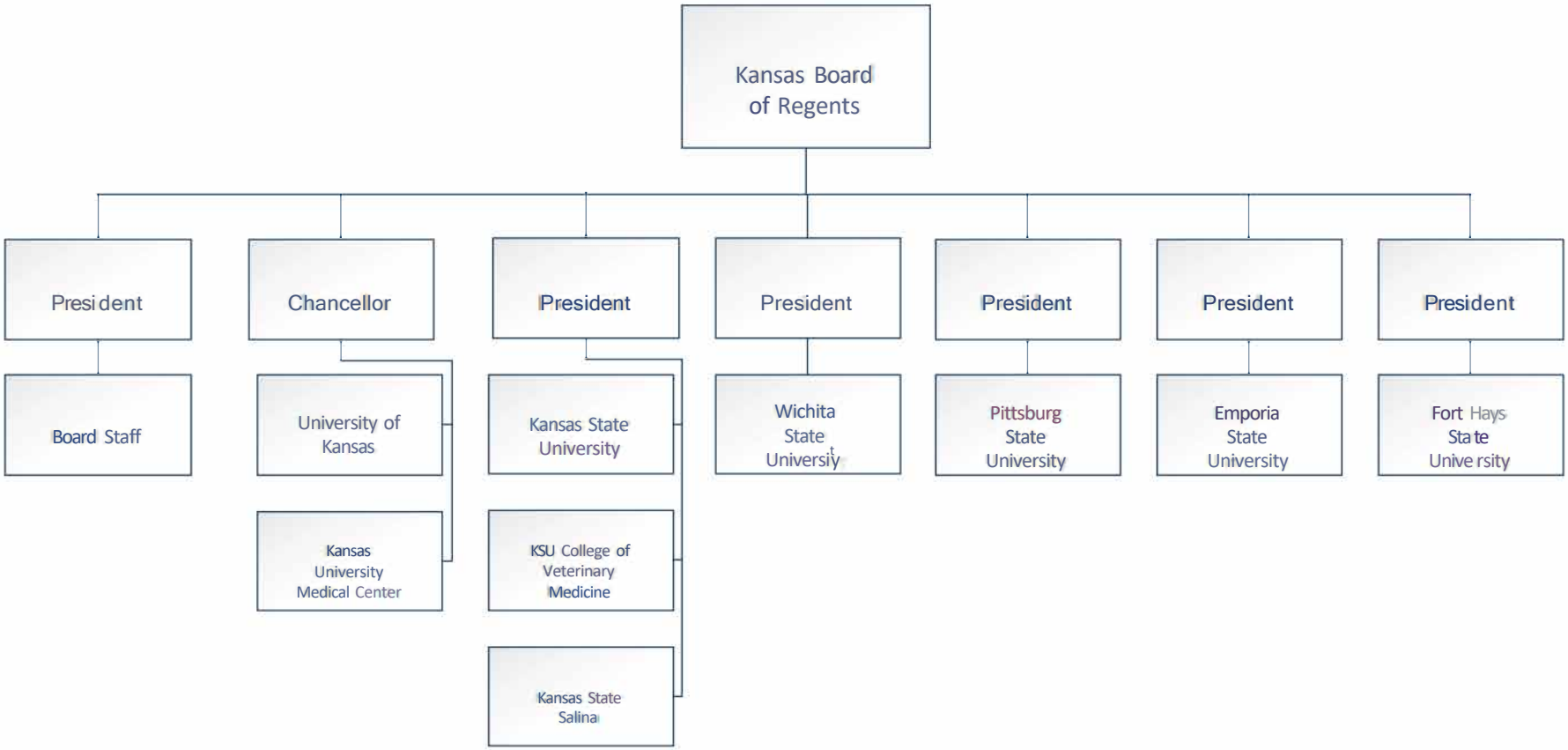
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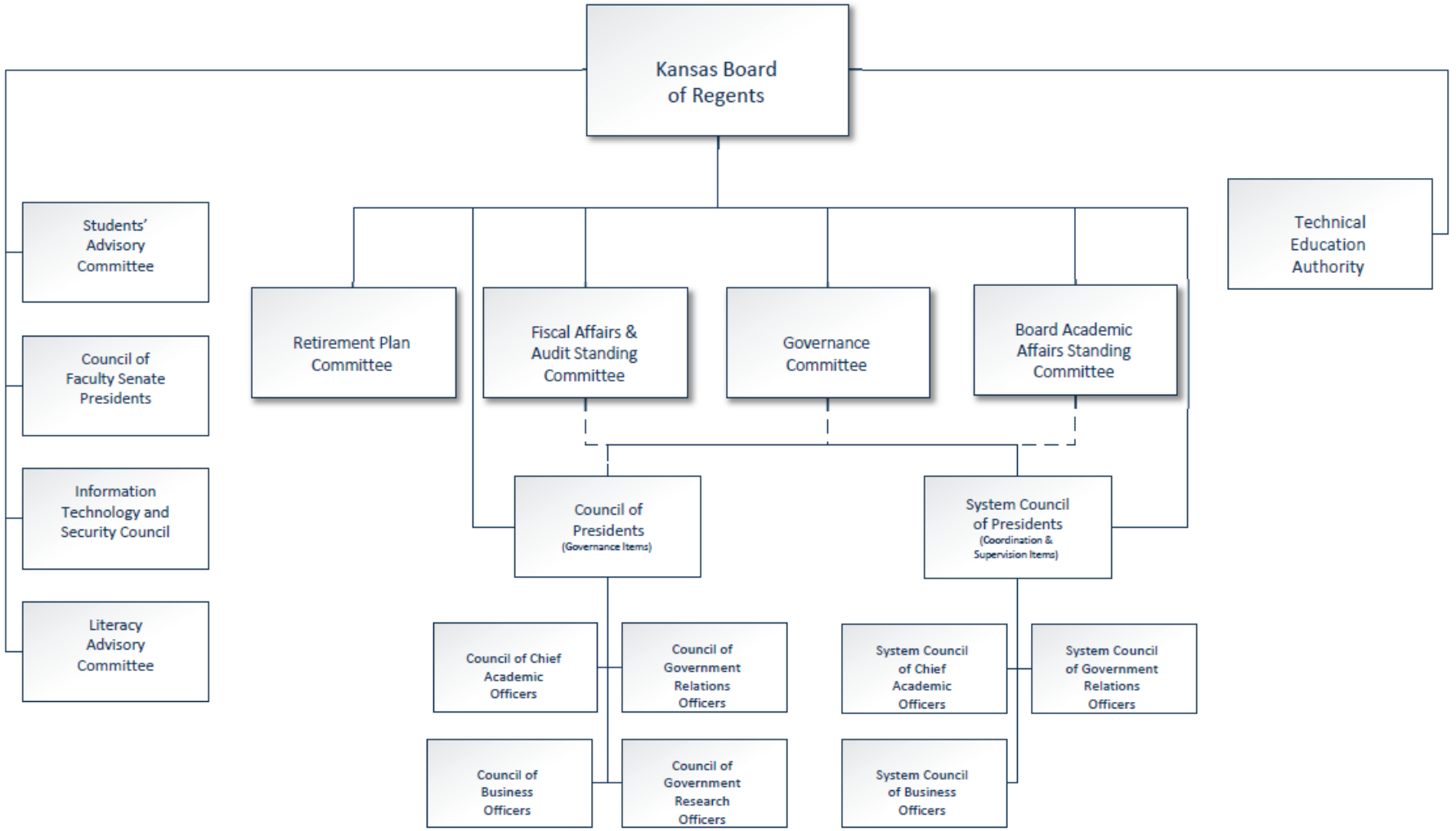
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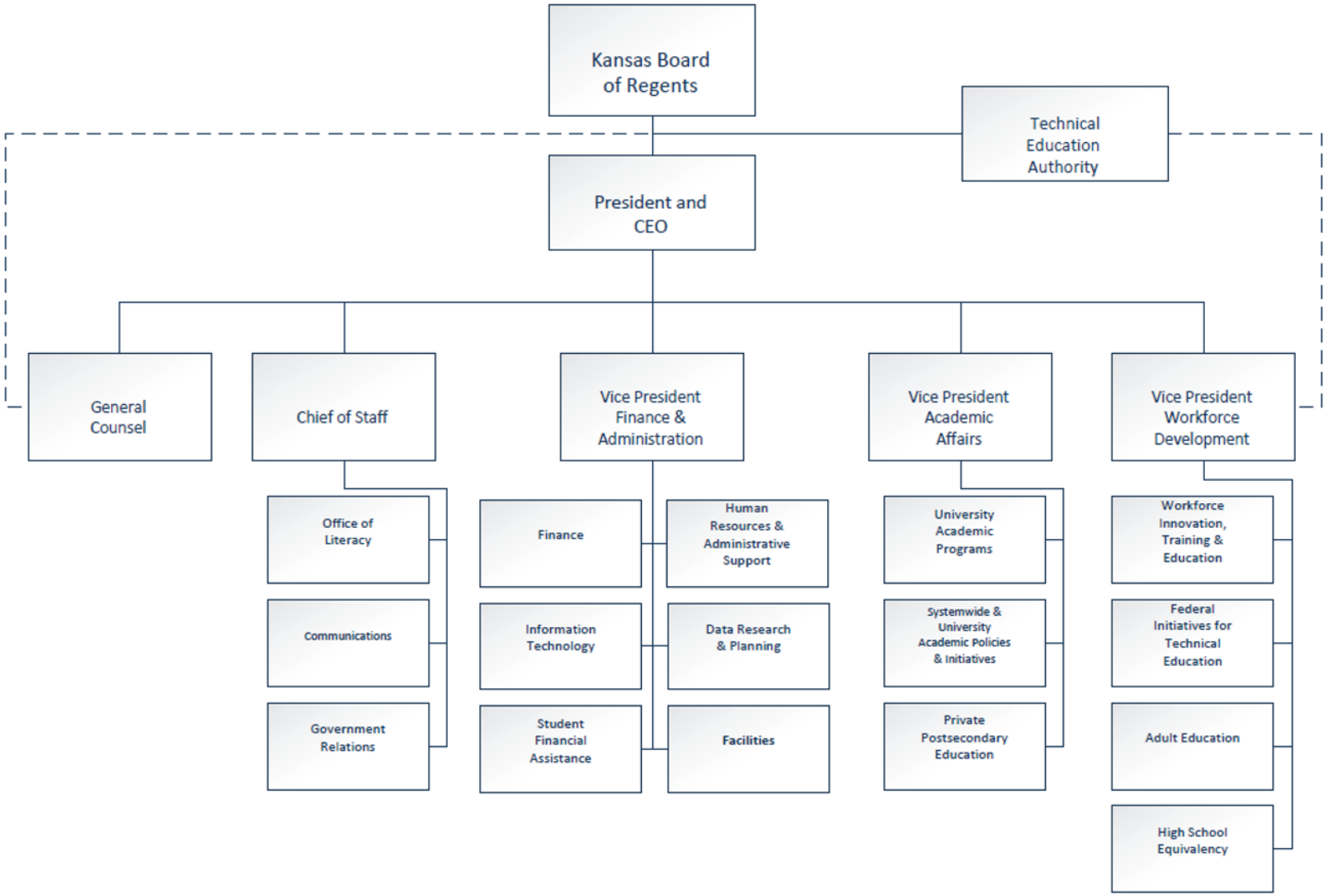
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Adult Education
High School Equivalency

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS MISSION

The Kansas Board of Regents shall pursue measurable continuous improvement in the quality and effectiveness of the public postsecondary educational system in Kansas, while expanding participation for all qualified Kansans. To achieve that mission, the Board will demand accountability, focus resources, and advocate powerfully *(adopted 2007)*.

State of Kansas Public University and College System

The Kansas Board of Regents governs six state universities and coordinates one municipal university, nineteen community colleges and six technical colleges. The Board also has statutory responsibility to regulate private and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas with a certificate of approval that must be renewed annually. The Board of Regents' purpose is to support this diverse group of public higher education institutions, each of which contributes to the social and economic well-being of Kansas and its citizens, and each of which seeks excellence. The Board fosters rigor, accountability and transparency, guards against unnecessary duplication in programming and operations, and brings unity and seamlessness to the system.

The mission of the Kansas public university and college system is to meet the educational needs of a diverse population and multifaceted society by providing teaching, research, and service appropriate to the respective missions of its institutions. Those institutions provide education in liberal arts and professions from short-term certificates to doctorate degrees as well as non-credit offerings that serve local communities. The system provides broad and affordable access to higher education, prepares students for the workforce and for life, and benefits the state through economic growth, research contributions, and advancing other aspirational goals of each institution.

Members of the Board of Regents

The Kansas Board of Regents has nine members from across the state, each of whom is appointed by the Governor of Kansas. Current Board members are listed below. Each Board member also serves on committees including the standing committees (Governance, Academic Affairs, Fiscal Affairs & Audit and Retirement Plan) and ad hoc groups. The term of office end date is indicated in parentheses:

Blake Benson* (June 2026)	Alysia Johnston, *Chair* (June 2027)	Matt Crocker (June 2029)
John Dicus* (June 2026)	Neelima Parasker (June 2027)	Peter Johnston (June 2029)
Diana Mendoza* (June 2026)	Pamela Ammar (June 2027)	Kathy Wolfe Moore, *Vice Chair* (June 2029)

**New Regent appointees yet to be named as of the date this document was prepared; Regents continue to serve until replaced.*

Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was established by the Kansas Legislature in 2007. As specified in statute, the TEA functions under the auspices of the Kansas Board of Regents and makes recommendations to the Regents regarding the coordination, statewide planning and improvements/enhancements to the postsecondary technical education system. The Board of Regents and the TEA have put in place thorough data collection systems, program review processes, and innovative workforce initiatives to serve the needs of Kansas students and employers.

Vision: To be a national leader of premier technical education by developing a highly prepared Kansas workforce.

Mission: Drive the advancement of a robust technical education system to meet the needs of Kansas business and industry.

The Vision, Mission, and Strategic Priorities of the TEA respond directly to legislative direction focusing technical program offerings, including the review and recommended approval of new and existing technical programs; development of new approaches to funding postsecondary technical education; development of accountability indicators; and coordinating the development of a seamless system between secondary and postsecondary technical education levels.

Members of the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority

By statute, there are 12 appointed members who serve on the TEA, three of whom represent state agencies that partner with the Board of Regents on workforce issues—the Departments of Commerce, Labor, and Education. The balance of the membership represents industries and geographic areas across the state, as well as a member who serves on behalf of the community colleges and another member representing the technical colleges.

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Amber Shultz, Kansas Department of Labor

AGENCY PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Regents is responsible for assuring the quality of public postsecondary education in Kansas and ensuring that postsecondary educational opportunities are available to students of all ages and income levels. With one voice, the Board advocates for the resources necessary to meet the needs of the public postsecondary institutions, their students and the demands of commerce and industry. As the primary advocate for postsecondary education, the Board strives to meet the educational needs of students and the workforce needs of the business community.

PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST WITH AGENCY MISSION

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six universities and the statewide coordinating board for all 32 of the public higher education institutions (six state universities, a municipal university with an affiliated institute of technology, 19 community colleges, and six technical colleges – three of which are affiliated with a state university). In addition, the Board administers student financial aid programs on behalf of the state, adult basic education, high school equivalency, and career and technical education programs. The Board also authorizes and regulates private postsecondary schools and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas.

1 – Administration
2 – Postsecondary Education Institutions
3 – Student Financial Assistance
4 – Capital Improvements

STATUTORY HISTORY

The 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act established the U.S. Territory of Kansas, opening the territory for settlement. Shortly thereafter, the Constitution of 1855 was adopted, bearing the intent of a university system for the state, reading "The General Assembly may take measures for the establishment of a university."

Kansas was admitted as the 34th state to the United States on January 29, 1861. On July 2, 1862, President Lincoln signed into law the Morrill Act, which allowed for creation of land-grant colleges in eligible U.S. territories. On February 16,1863, Bluemont Central College in Manhattan, Kansas, became Kansas State Agricultural College, the first operational school created under the Morrill Act.

In March of 1863, the Legislature created the first public university, Kansas State Normal School in Emporia, followed by 1864 legislation that established the University of Kansas in Lawrence. A 1900 Congressional Act provided the abandoned military reservation land at Fort Hays to the state for the western branch of the Emporia Teachers College, known as the Western Branch State Normal School, and in 1903, the Legislature established the Normal Training Auxiliary of the Emporia Normal School in Pittsburg.

With five state institutions of higher education, Governor Walter Stubbs appointed a three-member committee in 1911 to study the state schools, colleges, and universities, each of which was governed by its own separate board, and to make a recommendation regarding the creation of a single controlling board for all five.

In 1913, after much discussion and debate, the Legislature and the Governor settled on the creation of a centralized three-member Board of Administration to govern the five state schools of higher education. The members of this Board of Administration were appointed by the Governor and confirmed in Executive Session by the Senate. All three could be from the same political party and from the same geographic location. They were each paid the sum of $3,500 per year for their service and had expenses covered. They were charged with overseeing business operations at the universities, providing a biennial report to the Legislature, and hiring the chief executives of the institutions.

By 1917, a new Board of Administration was created, including the Governor and three members appointed by the Governor. This new Board of Administration took control of seven educational institutions (the five state schools as well as the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind) as well as the penal, correctional, and charitable institutions of the State. Board members continued to receive a salary of $3,500 per year and were given the authority to hire one paid secretary. New provisions for the Board also set forth methods for contracting with vendors, drafting policy, setting guidelines for chief executives and business officers of the institutions, and providing purpose and direction for the Board.

Following an episode of unprecedented political interference in higher education by the Governor and Board of Administration,[1] in 1925 the Legislature again separated control of the state higher education system from the other state institutions and created the first entity equivalent to the modern-day Board of Regents. This was a body of nine citizen members, each appointed by the Governor and who served without pay, met on a statutory schedule, and governed the five state institutions of higher education. This act dissolved the Board of Administration.

Just eight years later, responding to sentiment that the Board was not aggressive enough in support of the schools, the 1933 Legislature adopted a resolution directing the Board of Regents to make a "thorough survey" of the five state institutions of higher education. The purpose of this study was to develop a plan for coordination and unification. The survey covered topics from state funding ($2.80 per capita in 1932) to the history and purposes of the institutions themselves. The results of this survey spurred the 1939 changes to the Board.

In 1939, the Legislature recreated the nine-member Board of Regents as a bipartisan board, each member of which would serve a staggered four-year term. Also, at this time, the Legislature added to the Board's jurisdiction the State School for the Deaf and the State School for the

[1] "The Hectic Birth of the Board of Regents," Fred Ellsworth, University of Kansas Alumni Magazines (January and February 1964).

Blind, as well as Western University and Kansas Vocational School, two schools designated for Black students.[2] The Governor was to appoint members to the Board subject to Senate confirmation. Five of the members were appointed from the same party as that receiving the highest votes for Secretary of State, while the remaining four were from the party receiving the second highest votes. This legislation also granted the Board the power to appoint and remove executive heads, deans, professors, teachers, or other employees at the institutions it governed.

The Educational Building Fund, which received the proceeds from a one statewide mill levy on property, was authorized by a constitutional amendment in 1918, but the first levy was not made until 1942. The mill levy was repealed as of Fiscal Year 2027 and replaced with a transfer from the State General Fund.

In FY 1964, Wichita State University was brought under the Board of Regents, bringing the number of universities governed by the Board to a total of six.

Kansas voters approved a constitutional amendment in 1966 to provide for a nine-member Board of Regents and its supervision and control of public institutions of higher education.[3] The Kansas Constitution now requires that members of the Board be appointed by the Governor. They are confirmed by the Senate, serve four-year, staggered terms of office, and represent each congressional district and political party.

In 1975 the responsibility for administering student assistance and federal programs was transferred from the State Education Commission to the Board of Regents. Additionally, the Legislature enacted a statute calling for the creation of the Students' Advisory Committee, consisting of the president of each state university's student senate. This committee provides the Board with student representation and consultation with the Regents on policies and issues relating to students, including discussion of proposed tuition and fee increases and administration of an insurance program for eligible students.

During 1976, oversight of the Kansas Technical Institute at Salina was transferred from the State Board of Education to the Board of Regents, and in 1988 the name of the Technical Institute was changed to the Kansas College of Technology. By 1991, the Kansas College of Technology had merged with Kansas State University and was renamed the Kansas State University-Salina, College of Technology. The 2016 Legislature renamed it Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus, and the 2024 Legislature changed the name back to Kansas State University Salina at the university's request.

[2] Control of the School for the Deaf and School for the Blind was later transferred to the State Department of Education. The two schools dedicated to teaching Black students were closed in the mid-twentieth century.
[3] *See* The Education Amendment to the Kansas Constitution, Kansas Legislative Council, Publication No. 256 (December 1965).

In 1996, the Legislature introduced the concept of Qualified Admissions, requiring that students seeking admission to the six state universities meet one of three requirements or be admitted as an exception to these requirements. 2009 House Bill 2197 transferred the authority to set Qualified Admissions requirements for the six state universities from the Legislature to the Board of Regents.

The next notable change to the Board of Regents occurred in 1999 with the passage of Senate Bill 345. This bill recreated the Board of Regents into what it is today, a body that governs the state universities, supervises the community colleges, technical colleges, and Washburn University, and coordinates all postsecondary education in Kansas. Senate Bill 345 also transferred responsibility for adult basic education, GED testing and regulation of private and out-of-state institutions from the Department of Education to the Board of Regents.

In 2001, the Kan-Ed Act was enacted, the purpose of which was to provide for a broadband technology-based network to which schools, libraries and hospitals may connect for broadband internet access and intranet access for distance learning, charging the Board with creation of such a network. The 2012 Legislature phased out the Kan-Ed network, leaving in place a limited focus on distance learning and telemedicine. As of June 30, 2016, the Kan-Ed network was decommissioned.

The 2007 Legislature enacted HB 2556 which, among other provisions, established the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority. 2019 Senate Bill 71 reauthorized the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority by removing the TEA's sunset date.

By 2008, plans were finalized for the last of the area vocational and area vocational-technical schools to either merge or affiliate with existing public institutions of higher education or seek individual accreditation as a technical college. The resulting Board of Regents system has six state universities, nineteen community colleges, six technical colleges and one municipal university with an affiliated institute of technology.

In 2010, the Legislature amended the Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institutions Act to establish a new statutory fee structure. The 2018 Legislature granted permanent authorization for the Board to fix, charge, and collect fees for regulating private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions (House Bill 2542).

The 2011 Legislature passed legislation making significant changes to postsecondary technical education including replacement of the funding structure (2011 SB 143). For high school students, the 2012 Legislature created a career and technical education (CTE) initiative to encourage secondary students to enroll in college-level CTE courses and earn industry-recognized credentials (2012 SB 155). The program is referred to as the Excel in CTE Initiative.

2016 HB 2622 requires the Board to publish a degree prospectus for each undergraduate degree program offered by each postsecondary educational institution featuring information and statistics on the degree program (degreestats.kansasregents.gov). On July 1, 2016, the tool was launched with baccalaureate data for public universities. As of July 1, 2017, the website was updated to encompass cost and wage data for associate degrees from the two-year colleges.

The 2017 Legislature authorized Wichita Area Technical College to affiliate with Wichita State University in SB 174. "WSU Tech," as a separate legal entity, remains eligible for state aid available to public technical colleges. The Legislature also amended the Nursing Service Scholarship Program to give priority when awarding scholarships to a qualified applicant whose sponsor is a mental health or treatment facility. Residents from other states were also made eligible for the program, a unique feature among the programs administered by the Board of Regents.

2018 House Bill 2542 exempted the postsecondary institutions of higher education covered under the Board's performance agreement process from the state's performance-based budgeting process. The 2018 Legislature also enacted House Bill 2579 to provide tuition assistance for individuals certified by a court to be wrongfully convicted and imprisoned.

2019 Senate Bill 199 established the AO-K to Work program to assist students in obtaining a high school equivalency, becoming ready for transferable college-level courses, and earning an industry credential. 2019 House Bill 2144 created the Community College Taxpayer Transparency Act to specify information the 19 colleges must publish on their websites and noted the duty of transparency owed by colleges to local taxpayers and students. 2019 House Bill 2209 authorized the state universities and the Board Office to purchase cybersecurity insurance.

2020 House Bill 2246 created an annual demand transfer of $10.0 million from the State General Fund to the Cancer Research and Public Information Trust Fund of the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) beginning in FY 2022. In July 2022, the KU Cancer Center was notified of its new prestigious designation as a comprehensive cancer center by the National Cancer Institute.

In the 2021 Legislative Session, House Bill 2101 extended the University Engineering Initiative for another ten years with annual transfers of $10.5 million to the three research universities ($3.5 million to each). Two student financial aid bills were enacted – House Bill 2021 amended the tuition waiver benefit for spouses and dependents of law enforcement officers and first responders injured in the line of duty and House Bill 2064 created the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act with a $10.0 million appropriation.

In 2022, the Legislature adopted clarifying amendments to financial aid legislation from 2021 – the Promise Scholarship Act and the Hero's Scholarship Act (first responders' waiver benefit). The Legislature transferred authority for the postsecondary driver's education programs and driver training schools to the Department of Revenue (SB 215) as requested by the Board of Regents, State Department of Education and Department of Revenue. House Bill 2466 authorized KBOR to provide scholarships to students pursuing an education degree or teachers in service who complete a course in computer science. The bill also amended the Johnson County Education Research Triangle statute to permit Kansas State University to offer additional academic programs at KSU-Olathe using the local sales tax revenue. 2022 HB 2605 expanded and clarified the requirements for the Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas at the KSU Veterinary Medical Center.

2022 Substitute for SB 450 amended state law related to surplus real estate to permit, upon specific authorization of the Board of Regents and in accordance with the Board's policies, the sale and conveyance of real property given as an endowment, bequest, or gift to a state educational institution. Proceeds generated by a sale are exempted from the statute that requires 80 percent of the proceeds to be credited to the KPERS Trust Fund and 20 percent to the institution. 2022 House Substitute for SB 91 exempts businesses from certain liability claims arising from a secondary student engaged in a work-based learning program and declares the school district to be solely responsible for a student's loss.

The 2023 Legislature enacted eight bills related to post-secondary education. House Bill 2290 permitted the affiliation of North Central and Northwest Kansas Technical Colleges with Fort Hays State University which was approved by the Higher Learning Commission in the Summer of 2024. SB 123 made another round of amendments to the Promise Scholarship Act, created the Adult Learner Grant Act, and amended state law regarding residency determination for veterans and their dependents and spouses when stationed in Kansas for at least eleven months. Senate Substitute for HB 2060 amended the osteopathic scholarship program to allow students attending pre-accredited osteopathic medicine schools to receive awards and increased the maximum number of first-time recipients to 25 awards. The bill also amended the AOK to Work program to permit state funds to be used for books, tools, personal materials, and industry examinations.

2023 Senate Substitute for HB 2170 created the Donor Intent Protection Act which provides legal recourse to an individual charitable donor when the donor's gift restrictions are not followed by the recipient charitable organization. 2023 HB 2292 created the Kansas Apprenticeship Act, which establishes a tax credit and grant incentive programs for apprenticeships and created a matching grant program within the Department of Commerce to provide grants to eligible institutions of higher education based on the number of engineering program graduates of the institution. 2023 HB 2336 increased the cost thresholds for state building projects at which a negotiating committee must be convened for the selection of architectural, engineering, or land surveying services to $1.5 million with future inflationary increases to the thresholds.

2023 HB 2238 created the Fairness in Women's Sports Act (Act) and requires interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural, or club athletic teams or sports that are sponsored by public educational entities or any school or private postsecondary educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public educational entity to be expressly designated based on biological sex.

The 2024 Legislature enacted six bills related to postsecondary education. SB 438 established the Kansas Blueprint for Literacy, creating a new Director of Literacy position within the Board of Regents' Office and a Literacy Advisory Committee with the goal of improving elementary students' reading skills. The same bill also modified the Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K) career pathways assistance benefit, repealed the Ethnic Minority Scholarship, established the Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship in its place, and amended both the Kansas Hero's Scholarship and the Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship.

2024 SB 18 created the Kansas Campus Restoration Act that provides for six years of $32.7 million transfers from the State General Fund to the Kansas Campus Restoration Fund at the Board of Regents (FY 2026 through FY 2031). Of the total, $30.0 million is dedicated to the state universities' capital renewal and demolition of obsolete facilities with a required dollar match from the universities for renewal projects. Each of the 27 coordinated public institutions receive $100,000 each with no match requirement.

2024 SB 19 established the Kansas National Guard Education Master's for Enhanced Readiness and Global Excellence (EMERGE) Program to provide financial assistance to Kansas National Guard members pursuing graduate level degrees at any Kansas institution offering graduate level programs. 2024 HB 2491 shifted the University of Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center Fund (LETC) from relying on a vehicle registration surcharge, municipal court filing fees, and docket fees for its revenue to State General Fund appropriations.

2024 HB 2105 prohibits postsecondary institutions from requiring an application for admission, hiring, or promoting a faculty member to make a statement of personal support or opposition to any political ideology or movement, including a statement regarding diversity, equity, or inclusion (DEI). The bill prohibits postsecondary educational institutions from denying or accepting admission or educational aid to a student; hiring an applicant for employment; or hiring, reappointing, or promoting faculty based on viewpoints expressed in a pledge or statement, including a pledge regarding DEI. Students and faculty can file a complaint with the Board of Regents if they believe their rights under the bill were violated, and the Board must investigate the complaint within 45 days of receiving the complaint. The public institutions must publish on their website any materials used for students and faculty on matters of nondiscrimination, DEI, race, ethnicity, sex, or bias and any policies and guidance on such matters. As of the date this document was prepared, no complaints have been filed.

2024 SB 291 enacted sweeping changes for administration and organization of information technology and cybersecurity services within each branch of state government. Some of the executive branch changes were applied to the Board of Regents' Office, while only a few were

applied to the state universities. As of July 1, 2027, the bill directed that all cybersecurity services for the executive branch be overseen by the Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO) and the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). This change required that all cybersecurity staff within the affected agencies be directed by the executive branch CITO. The bill also required the Board Office to move its websites to a ".gov" domain from ".org" and added two state university employees as ITEC members. ITEC was to develop a plan to integrate IT services for the executive branch into OITS and the KISO.

2025 Senate Bill 50 was enacted at the Board's request to establish a uniform 5.0 percent interest rate and repayment schedule for all service scholarships established in state law under the authority of the Board. The bill also made a technical amendment to the Adult Learner Grant Act to clarify responsibility for student service agreements resides with the Board of Regents and provided the Board with the statutory authority to recoup fees from students who go into repayment for their service scholarship. HB 2185 was enacted at the Adjutant General's request to include dependents of National Guard members and expand the Kansas National Guard Educational Master's for Enhanced Readiness and Global Excellence (EMERGE) Program to include other advanced degrees. The bill limits an eligible Guard member to sponsor one dependent during the member's service. Tuition assistance for dependents is subject to the availability of funds after educational benefits are funded for participating eligible Guard members.

2025 SB 35 eliminated the statewide mill levy of 1.0 mill for the Educational Building Fund, beginning in Tax Year 2026. The bill created in its place demand transfers from the State General Fund to the Kansas Educational Building Fund, beginning in Fiscal Year 2027. The transfer to the EBF is established at $56.0 million in FY 2027 to be adjusted in future years to reflect the average percentage change in taxable value of all property in the state for the preceding ten years.

2025 SB 78 requires governing bodies of postsecondary educational institutions to regularly review and update the institution's accreditation policies. The bill allows institutions greater freedom in selecting its accrediting agency and prohibits accrediting agencies from compelling institutions to violate state laws. The bill covers state universities, community colleges, private postsecondary education institutions regulated by the Kansas Board of Regents, Washburn University, and the not-for-profit institutions of the Kansas Independent College Association.

2025 HB 2195 created the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund administered by the Board with expenditures from the Fund used for instruction and operations to meet target objectives established by the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority. This fund had previously been appropriated to the Board of Regents but did not exist in substantive law.

2025 SB 166 prohibits state agencies from making hiring decisions based solely on an applicant's lack of a postsecondary degree. The bill does not apply to positions for which a postsecondary degree is justifiably necessary and excludes the Legislative and Judicial branches of government from the provisions which do not apply to any position that is filled by political appointment.

And lastly, language in the appropriations bill, 2025 SB 125, established a 17-member Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education to study, discuss and make recommendations on higher education in the state of Kansas: (A) Long-term goals and priorities for higher education; (B) governing structure, financing, cost, savings and consolidation of state board of regents schools, community colleges and technical colleges; (C) accessibility and affordability of higher education; (D) strengths and weaknesses of higher education and postsecondary educational institutions; (E) strategies for enrollment and degree completion; and (F) strategies for right-sizing and streamlining higher education for the future with a student focus. A report on the Commission's findings and recommendations will be due by January 1, 2027. No members were ever appointed to the Commission.

2026 SB 334 prohibits the Board of Nursing from requiring additional or more advanced credentials for such faculty and allows the Board of Nursing to grant exemptions to institutions facing hardships in hiring nursing faculty. The bill amended the requirements the Kansas State Board of Nursing can apply to faculty credentials for approved nursing schools. The bill requires the faculty to possess a nursing degree one level more advanced than the degree awarded by the program in which they are teaching (i.e., a bachelor's degree to teach a student pursuing an associate's degree or a doctorate degree for a master's nursing student).

2026 HB 2333 established the Kansas Intellectual Rights and Knowledge (KIRK) Act. The bill sets restrictions on and requirements for the public postsecondary educational institutions regarding individuals participating in non-commercial expressive activities and established a cause of action to be brought by either the Attorney General or the individual harmed should an institution violate the Act.

The bill prohibits postsecondary institutions from creating free-speech zones or other designated areas outside of which expressive activities are prohibited. Institutions could enforce reasonable time, place and manner restrictions under circumstances specified in the Act, and allows institutions to charge security fees to a student or student association as part of an application for any expressive activity that requires a permit, with the exception that a postsecondary educational institution could not charge security fees to a student or student association based on the content of the expressive activity by the student, student association, or the invited guest. The Act specifies other responsibilities for the institutions, including annual reports to the Governor and Legislature.

2026 HB 2374 was requested by the University of Kansas to amend the medical student loan program to make it easier to administer and create a specialty practice student loan program to be administered by the School of Medicine. The Medical School will enter into agreements

with students who intend to pursue practice in an approved specialty and commit to satisfy obligations to engage in the full-time practice of medicine and surgery in a service commitment area. The Chancellor of the University of Kansas has discretion to allocate which specialties are eligible for the loan based on workforce needs.

2026 HB 2485 consolidated several bills with original legislation requested by the Board of Regents:

- The original bill authorized the President & CEO of the Board of Regents to negotiate and settle repayment obligations under the KBOR service scholarship programs, and the bill prohibits service scholarship recipients who are subject to a repayment obligation from receiving any additional service scholarship funds until the debt is redeemed.
- From SB 341, the bill established new administrative requirements for agreements between public school districts and the public community or technical colleges for the provision of college courses in a school district's high school or high schools. The agreements must adhere to Board of Regents' policies for service areas and concurrent enrollment policies.
- From SB 517, the bill amended the Blueprint for Literacy Act and the Every Child Can Read Act.
- From SB 406, the bill replicated the federal legislation for establishing eligibility requirements for Workforce Pell grants.
- From Sub for HB 2530, postsecondary institutions are required to adopt and implement credit transfer policies for the ACT WorkKeys assessments or other similar career readiness assessments.
- From SB 340, the Promise Act Scholarship cannot pay for those credit hours that are remedial (i.e., not college-level) coursework, whether delivered in the corequisite model or not.

As requested by the Board of Regents, 2026 HB 2487 amended the Kansas Educational Opportunity Scholarship Act to clarify who is eligible for a scholarship. "Employed in Kansas as a teacher or paraprofessional" now means an individual who is an employee of a unified school district or the governing authority of any nonpublic school located in Kansas; and whose primary employment duties are providing classroom instruction or instructional support to students in any of the grades pre-K through 12. .

2026 HB 2560 exempted the state universities from various statutory requirements, including procurement of capital projects, contracts, easements, official hospitality and state surplus property, subject to Board approval of university policies.

2026 Substitute for HB 2595 created the Attorney Training Program for Rural Kansas Act to establish the Law Student Training and Stipend Program for Rural Kansas. The program is to be administered by the Department of Commerce in coordination with Washburn University and the University of Kansas. The bill provides a stipend of up to $3,000 per school year for no more than three years for each student entering into a program agreement. The stipend could be used for tuition, books, supplies, or other school expenses. The stipends are forgiven by completing the law degree program and engaging in the full-time practice of law in rural Kansas within 90 days after admittance to the

Kansas Bar for a period of at least 12 consecutive months for each separate school year for which a stipend was received. The stipend will be repaid with accrued interest upon failure to satisfy the program requirements. The program sunsets on June 30, 2031.

2026 SB 335 requires public construction contracts between a public entity and a contractor to include a mutual waiver of consequential damages. The legislation provides the form that such waivers should substantially take, specifying certain types of damages to be waived by the owner and by the contractor, including damages incurred by the owner for rental expenses; loss of use, income, profit, financing, and business and reputation; and loss of management or employee productivity or services of such persons. House Substitute for SB 244 creates new law requiring the designation of multiple-occupancy private spaces in public buildings for use by only one sex and creates enforcement mechanisms of the new law.

2026 HB 2574 amends the 2024 legislation related to administration and organization of information technology and cybersecurity services within each branch of state government. The bill removes the duty for the Information Technology Executive Council (ITEC) to develop a plan to integrate all IT services for the Executive Branch into the Office of Information Technology Services (OITS) and all cybersecurity services for state educational institutions into OITS and the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO). The bill removes provisions requiring the branch CISOs to report CISA audit failures to legislative leadership within 30 days and coordinate additional audits. In addition to the cybersecurity and program assessment duties required of all CISOs, the bill modifies the duties of the Executive Branch CISO, including the duty to review all IT contracts to ensure that they contain provisions to reduce the risk of security vulnerabilities within the supply chain or product. The bill adds a duty to require the CISO to adopt statewide cybersecurity standards, controls, directives, and maturity and tier expectations for the Executive Branch and continually evaluate standards and expectations to address evolving threats, federal requirements, technological changes, and statewide risk conditions.

The bill requires the KISO to conduct periodic cybersecurity assessments of each Executive Branch agency that could include a review of controls, processes, technologies, governance, incident preparedness, operational security, and compliance with statewide policies and standards. The bill also authorizes the CISO to establish an assessment cycle that includes an initial baseline assessment for each agency and periodic assessments thereafter. After conducting an assessment, the Executive Branch CISO will be required to issue written findings, recommendations, and a timeline for any corrective action needed based on the results. Agencies will be required to develop and maintain written plans of action and milestones that detail efforts to remediate any findings.

The bill requires Executive Branch agency heads to:

- Continuously work toward improving cybersecurity maturity consistent with statewide standards and expectations adopted by the executive CISO; and

- Prior to acquiring any cybersecurity-related product, service, or platform that may materially affect state systems, data, or cybersecurity risks, work with the executive CISO and obtain a written certificate stating such acquisition does not create a cybersecurity risk.

The bill requires the Executive Branch CISO, in consultation with the Director of the Budget, to report to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, House Committee on Appropriations, and JCIT any Executive Branch agency that is not making progress on a written plan of action and milestones based on the cybersecurity assessment of such agency, beginning October 1, 2028. Each such agency will be required to present the agency's plan to make progress on the written plan of action and milestones to those legislative committees.

The Executive Branch CISO is required to submit a detailed written report to the committees on or before the first day of the regular legislative session concerning each agency that continues to fail to make progress on a written plan of action and milestones. The bill requires the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and House Committee on Appropriations to consider whether to lapse amounts appropriated and reappropriated and decrease the expenditure limitations for IT and cybersecurity expenditures for such state agencies by ten percent during the budget process. The bill removes the sunset of July 1, 2026, for this section of the statute.

State Statutes Not Funded in FY 2027 Budget or Removed in FY 2028 Allocation for Base Budget
GED Accelerator
The Board of Regents administers the Postsecondary Education Performance-Based Incentives Fund (known as the GED Accelerator Initiative), per K.S.A. 74-32,434. This fund provides incentives to eligible institutions—community colleges, technical colleges, and Washburn Institute of Technology—for adult students seeking and earning a GED/high school equivalency diploma and/or an identified industry credential while enrolled in an eligible postsecondary technical education program. Eligible institutions can receive: $170 for each adult enrolled in a postsecondary technical program while pursuing a GED/high school equivalency diploma ($150 of which must be used for the GED/high school equivalency tests), $500 for each adult earning a GED/high school equivalency diploma, and $1,000 for each adult earning an identified industry credential while enrolled in an eligible postsecondary technical education program.

The GED Accelerator was initially financed with a transfer of $1.9 million from the State General Fund in Section 143(f) of 2015 House Substitute for Senate Bill 112. In FY 2017 $900,000 was transferred back to the State General Fund and the remaining $1.0 million was drawn down over several years with no cash remaining. Incentive amounts calculated from AY 2025 data totaled $54,540 for 11 colleges. AY 2026 data totaled $52,990 for nine colleges.

AO-K Course Materials

K.S.A. 74-32,267, enacted in 2019, established the Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K) to Work program to assist students in obtaining a high school equivalency and becoming ready for transferable college-level courses while earning an industry credential. The 2023 Legislature passed Senate Substitute for HB 2060 to amend the AO-K to Work program to permit state funds to be used for books and related materials, up to $500 per student per institution over their lifetime. However, the 2023 legislation limited the $500 to only students pursuing the specific High School Equivalency (HSE) created by the statute, and precluded AO-K GED students from benefitting from the financial assistance. Provisions enacted by the 2024 Legislature in Senate Bill 438 clarify all AO-K students are eligible for the AO-K payment as a $500 lifetime benefit and removed language requiring the subtraction of other aid from the amount awarded for this benefit. No appropriation has been made for the benefit in FY 2026 and not restored in the FY 2027 allocation. Amounts calculated from AY 2025 enrollment data totaled $22,646 for 70 students at five colleges and AY 2026 enrollment data totaled $18,277 for 47 students at six colleges.

Computer Science Educator Grants

The 2022 Legislature enacted KSA 74-32,209 to provide in-service and pre-service teachers with a grant to take a course in computer science. After three years of $1.0 million State General Fund appropriations, the program was not funded for FY 2026 nor FY 2027 and not restored in the FY 2028 allocation.

CTE Workforce Grants

KSA 74-32,423 through 74-32,428 were enacted in 1986 to provide the benefit of a strong Kansas workforce in high demand, critical fields. The program provided for a maximum individual grant of $1,000 for full-time students. Part-time student awards were proportionate based on the number of credit hours the student is enrolled per academic period. Awards were renewable contingent upon the recipient maintaining satisfactory academic progress, continued enrollment in a high demand, critical field, submission of a renewal grant application, and the availability of funding. After 30 years of State General Fund appropriations, the program was not funded for FY 2026 nor FY 2027 and not restored in the FY 2028 allocation.

Kansas Technology Innovation & Internship Grants

K.S.A. 74-32,430 established the Kansas Technology Innovation and Internship grant program which is administered by the Board. The funding is awarded to institutions on a competitive basis. Grant funds provide start-up support for innovative technical courses or programs in emerging technologies, manufacturing or areas of skill shortages as well as paid internships for technical faculty to work in business and industry or enable individuals from business and industry to work in a technical program at a postsecondary institution. Conditions for participation in this program require (1) support from private business (financial and/or in-kind) equaling 100% of the amount requested in the grant application, (2) the technical course must be new to Kansas or not offered within 100 miles of the institution, and (3) the technical

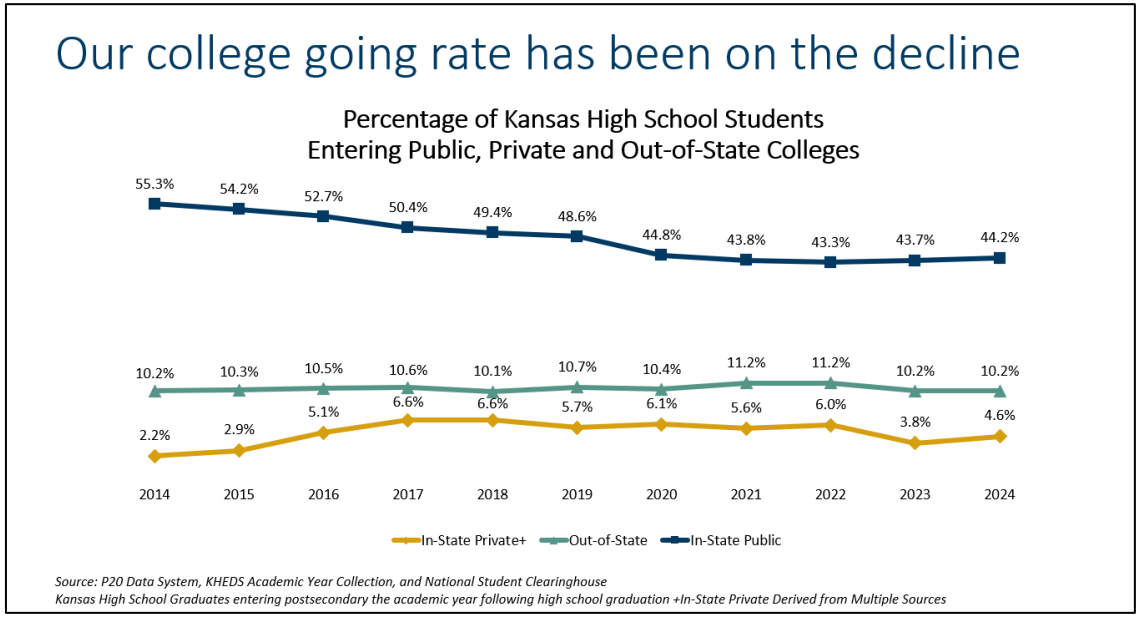
course or program must be related to a business or industry located within the service area of the institution. After years of State General Fund appropriations, the program was not funded for FY 2026 nor FY 2027 and not restored in the FY 2028 allocation.

Operating Grants to Technical Colleges
The State General Fund FY 2028 allocation for the Board of Regents did not include any amount for the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund established in 2025 HB 2195 (K.S.A. 74-32,470). Amounts have been appropriated in the past four years ($10.5 million for $1.5 million per college in FY 2024 and FY 2025 and $1.0 million per college in FY 2026 and FY 2027 for $7.0 million total).

A STRATEGIC AGENDA FOR KANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION
The Board continues its work to chart a course for Kansas higher education. The plan in place from 2010 to 2020, *Foresight 2020*, set long-range achievement goals that were measurable, reportable, and designed to ensure the state's higher education system met Kansans' expectations. A new plan, *Building a Future*, was adopted in June 2020 that focuses on meeting the needs of Kansas families, Kansas businesses and improving the economic prosperity of our state. The plan with annual progress reports can be found on the agency's website at https://kansasregents.org/resources/Building_a_Future.pdf. The *Building a Future* plan will evolve to keep in step with the state's economic progression, employers' needs, and policymakers' goals. Institutions' performance agreements have been redeveloped to link metrics to the new strategic plan. Standardized metrics that are easily sourced and widely available are used to evaluate institutions' performance and can be found in the *Building a Future* dashboard located on the agency's website.

PILLAR 1: FAMILIES
Building a Future centers its first pillar on families. It aims to ensure that higher education remains affordable and accessible to Kansans, while continuing to help graduates achieve success. Keeping higher education affordable is essential to ensuring Kansans can obtain education beyond high school and earn the skills they need to build rewarding careers and earn family sustaining wages. *Building a Future* tracks several metrics to measure affordability, including the percentage of students who graduate on time, student loan default rates, student retention rates, and the number of full-time undergraduate students taking 30 credit hours per year (i.e., those who are on track to graduate with a bachelor's degree in four years).

College Going Rate: During the past decade, the percentage of Kansas high school graduates who choose to attend a public postsecondary institution in the state has been steadily declining. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated this trend, as many institutions saw significant declines in their enrollment, although some institutions are rebounding. The percentage of high school graduates entering a public institution immediately after graduation in 2024 was 44.2 percent, down 11.1 percentage points since 2014.



On-Time Graduation Rate

Graduating on time is one of the most effective methods of alleviating the cost of attendance at a postsecondary institution. Every additional year spent earning a degree or certificate is an extra year of paying tuition and other costs of attendance, as well as an additional year of not earning wages for full-time employment. On-time graduation is defined as earning a bachelor's degree within four years from a university and an associate's degree or certificate within two years from a community college or technical college.

Because the mission of community colleges includes preparing students to transfer to four-year institutions, the community college on-time graduation rate metric is defined as the number of students who earn a degree or certificate within two years plus the number of students who transfer to a four-year institution.

Academic Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
State Universities	32.3%	34.6%	36.7%	37.7%	40.1%	44.5%	44.5%	46.1
Municipal University	16.4%	16.9%	17.6%	21.7%	27.2%	26.8%	25.4%	27.6%
Community Colleges	48.2%	50.1%	50.2%	51.8%	50.6%	48.3%	52.9%	51.3%
Technical Colleges	55.1%	56.3%	51.8%	47.7%	47.8%	47.2%	49.7%	64.9%

Source: IPEDS
Note: The large increase seen in 2024 for the technical colleges is due in part to at least one college reporting incomplete data in 2023.

Students Taking 30 Credit Hours Per Year: Generally, students must take 30 credit hours per year to graduate on time. Part-time students (those taking fewer than 24 credit hours per year) and high school students who are enrolled at the postsecondary level are excluded from this calculation to identify full-time students' momentum to degree.

Academic Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
State Universities	55.8%	55.9%	55.4%	56.0%	53.5%	53.1%	53.7%	52.9%
Municipal University	42.8%	43.8%	43.7%	45.4%	42.8%	41.6%	43.8%	40.5%
Community Colleges	51.3%	50.8%	51.2%	50.8%	49.8%	48.8%	49.2%	48.9%
Technical Colleges	59.8%	59.8%	60.9%	61.2%	61.7%	57.2%	58.2%	56.9%
Grand Total	**54.2%**	**54.2%**	**54.1%**	**54.5%**	**52.4%**	**51.7%**	**52.4%**	**51.6%**

Source: KHEDS Academic Year Collection

PILLAR 2: BUSINESS

The second pillar of *Building a Future* focuses on the advantages higher education can provide to Kansas businesses. Based on the feedback provided by focus groups of business leaders, this pillar emphasizes the crucial role of Kansas colleges and universities in developing a talent pipeline that meets the demands of employers and the state's economy and promotes the unique capabilities for innovation that the system can leverage in support of industry.

Percentage of Graduates Employed in Region One Year After Completion: One of the most important outcomes of the Kansas postsecondary education system is employment of the system's graduates. With more advanced degrees, graduates find greater mobility. The employment rates noted below are specific to employment in Kansas and Missouri only. The definition for this measure was updated to

measure the highest credential attained in the academic year instead of the first credential. Time after completion is determined by the graduation date instead of the end of the Academic Year.

Wage Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Short-term Certificates	74.8%	74.8%	74.7%	74.2%	74.7%	77.1%	79.1%	76.3%
Certificates	75.5%	74.2%	72.0%	71.0%	71.3%	72.2%	73.1%	67.5%
Associate Degrees	64.9%	62.3%	62.0%	61.9%	63.2%	63.5%	63.1%	59.5%
Bachelor's Degrees	61.8%	61.8%	61.1%	60.6%	61.9%	63.3%	64.0%	58.7%
Master's Degrees	53.8%	53.3%	54.8%	56.4%	59.3%	57.2%	56.8%	49.2%
Doctoral Degrees	44.1%	46.7%	47.9%	48.3%	47.9%	49.6%	47.7%	40.4%
All Awards	**62.8%**	**62.2%**	**62.1%**	**61.7%**	**62.8%**	**63.4%**	**63.9%**	**58.9%**

PILLAR 3: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

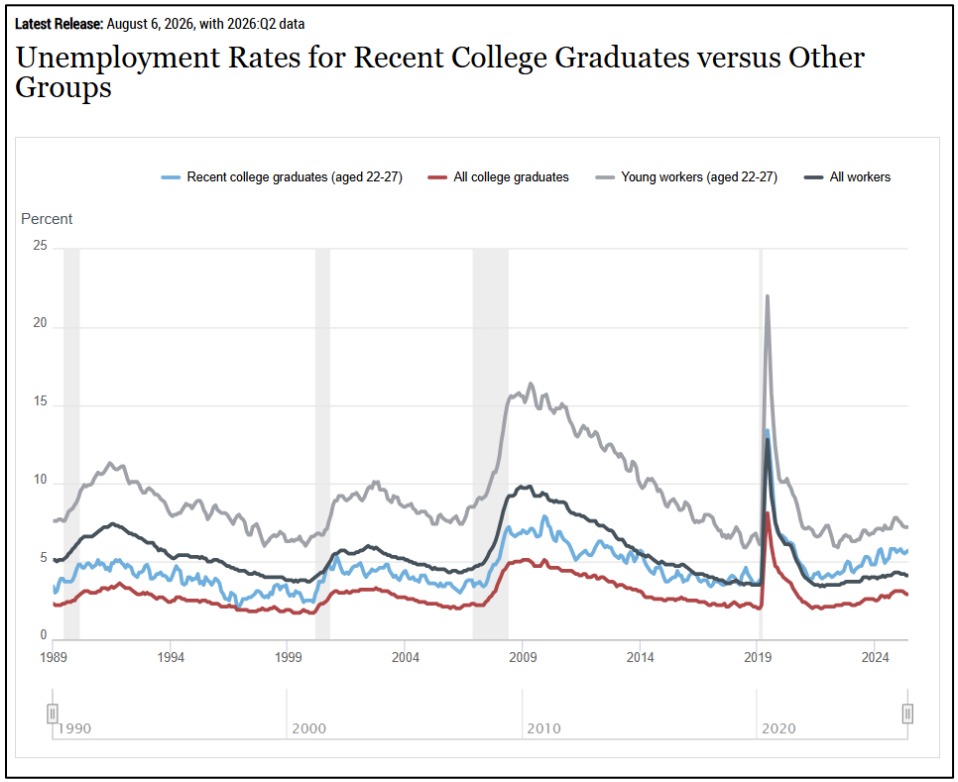
The final pillar of *Building a Future* supports the state's economy. It highlights the indirect benefits of higher education to the Kansas economy and the overall prosperity of Kansans, as well as the ways in which public postsecondary institutions are intentional partners in growing the Kansas economy. The growing interest in defining the public good of public higher education has led policy makers at the state and national level to begin asking how the capabilities and innovation of public higher education can be leveraged in new, direct and creative ways to enhance the general economic prosperity of communities on a local, regional, and statewide basis.

Preparing graduates for successful careers is one of the most important functions of the public higher education system. While the definition of a rewarding career will differ for every graduate, most will require at least a minimum level of income that allows them to support themselves and their families. *Building a Future* sets this benchmark at 250 percent of the federal poverty level, meaning that a graduate must earn at least $37,200 in 2024 to be in a job with a sustaining wage. Five years after graduation, the majority of degree earners from public institutions of higher education are earning wages that are considered sustainable. The wages noted in the table below are for those graduates of Kansas public institutions of higher education who have wages earned in Kansas and Missouri.

Completion Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Public Universities: Bachelor's	82.5%	83.3%	82.0%	82.6%	83.5%	83.7%	85.7%	86.0%	85.4%
Technical Colleges: Associate	83.7%	75.0%	79.6%	76.3%	78.8%	79.7%	82.9%	79.8%	80.9%
Community Colleges: Associate	72.1%	70.0%	71.0%	71.4%	71.4%	73.0%	74.4%	74.1%	72.6%
Technical Colleges: Certificates	66.9%	67.0%	67.2%	70.7%	72.5%	70.2%	76.2%	77.5%	77.6%
Community Colleges: Certificates	64.3%	66.8%	64.2%	64.4%	68.4%	66.3%	71.4%	71.0%	71.6%

Sources: KHEDS Academic Year Collection, KDOL and MDOLIR Wage Records

Recent news reports have focused on the difficulty recent college graduates have in finding jobs and growing fears that entry-level workers are increasingly unable to compete with AI in today's job market. Although recent graduates are struggling more than they have in the past, there is considerable evidence that young people with college degrees are faring better in the job market than young people without a college degree. While the unemployment rate for recent college graduates (5.7 percent in June 2026) is higher than that of all workers, it is lower than that of all young workers (7.2 percent for ages 22–27).



Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey (IPUMS).
Rates are seasonally adjusted and smoothed with a three-month moving average.
All workers are those aged 16 to 65; college graduates are those aged 22 to 65 with a bachelor's degree or higher; recent college graduates are those aged 22 to 27 with a bachelor's degree or higher; young workers are those aged 22 to 27 without a bachelor's degree.
All figures exclude those currently enrolled in school.
https://www.newyorkfed.org/research/college-labor-market#--:explore:unemployment

Funding for Research and Industry Sponsored Research

The National Center for Science & Engineering Statistics conducts an annual Higher Education Research and Development Survey (HERD) to collect information from U.S. colleges and universities that have spent at least $150,000 for R&D in the prior fiscal year. Each of the state universities has developed programming to advance the economies of their communities and the state, but this has not been intentionally addressed and measured by the Kansas Board of Regents until recently. Like the needs of Kansas families and Kansas business, the need for Kansas and its communities to prosper are intentionally addressed by the Board in *Building a Future*. With support from the Board, universities will continue to serve as innovative, intentional partners in building state and local economic prosperity.

The Kansas public higher education system is unique in the state for the quality and breadth of research it provides. *Building a Future* tracks how much of the research enterprise is supported by federal funding and how much is sponsored by industry partners. According to the 2024 national survey (the most recent data available), the Kansas research universities increased their total research and development funding by a combined $564.9 million, or 88.5 percent, from FY 2018 to FY 2024. Federal funding increased $257.5 million, and business-supported research increased $132.0 million in that timeframe. Wichita State University has seen the largest increase in research funding, with a ten-fold increase in federal support for research since 2018 and business and industry sponsored research activity has grown nearly four-fold. The table below highlights federal and business/industry sources of support to research activity comparing FY 2018 to FY 2024.

Research & Development Activity, Research Universities
(Dollars in Millions)

	FY 2018				FY 2024				Percent Change			
	Federal R&D Funding	Business/ Industry Funding	All Other Funding	Total R&D Funding	Federal R&D Funding	Business/ Industry Funding	All Other Funding	Total R&D Funding	Federal R&D Funding	Business/ Industry Funding	All Other Funding	Total R&D Funding
University of Kansas*	$155.15	$19.10	$164.80	**$339.05**	$245.71	$43.75	$256.66	**$546.11**	58.4%	129.1%	55.7%	**61.1%**
Kansas State University	$80.44	$6.71	$131.15	**$218.30**	$83.23	$7.46	$174.28	**$264.96**	3.5%	11.2%	32.9%	**21.4%**
Wichita State University	$18.71	$43.75	$18.68	**$81.14**	$182.88	$150.34	$59.11	**$392.33**	877.7%	243.7%	216.4%	**383.5%**
Research Universities	**$254.29**	**$69.55**	**$314.64**	$638.48	**$511.82**	**$201.54**	**$490.05**	$1,203.40	**101.273%**	**189.8%**	**55.7%**	**88.5%**

Source: Higher Education Research and Development (HERD) Surveys.
**Includes the University of Kansas Medical Center.*

PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT PROCESS FOR INSTITUTIONS

Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-3202d, the Board determines the amount of new state funds to be received by each institution, considering the institution's level of compliance with its performance agreement and the funds available for distribution. As directed in the statute, "new state funds" is the increment of additional state funding greater than the state funding from the previous fiscal year. Any portion withheld from an institution is deemed to be restored as part of the institution's base budget to determine the following fiscal year's allocation. This provision precludes an institution from permanently losing state funding due to non-compliance with its performance agreement. The intended effect of this provision is that such loss of funds would be for only one fiscal year. Any funds designated by the Legislature for a specific institution or purpose have traditionally been exempted from the performance funding provisions.

The previous performance funding model emphasized rewarding progress by measuring improvement from the baseline, not solely by measuring against set targets. A great deal of literature on performance funding supports this approach and states that have developed performance funding models have found that targets do not work well. Funding on the basis of reaching particular targets tends to discourage risk-taking; it produces performance agreements that are superficial and not particularly meaningful. What has been found to work well is rewarding positive outcomes, placing a maximum on the amount that may be withheld from an institution, and recognizing differences among institutions (differentiating among research universities, regional universities, community colleges, and technical colleges).

Foresight 2020 was the Board's prior strategic plan that provided the foundation for performance agreements in the past. Under the model from inception through AY 2024, each institution proposed a set number of performance indicators. The more recent model required that all institutions develop three indicators chosen from an approved list that were based on the Board's strategic plan measures. In addition, all universities developed three indicators specific to the institution that support the strategic plan, and all community and technical colleges developed three indicators specific to the institution which supported the strategic plan or institution-specific indicators, one of which measured a non-college ready student population. For each performance indicator, the institution reported three years of baseline historical data.

With adoption of the new plan, *Building a Future*, the performance agreements were modified to bring them into alignment with the Board's new strategic goals. Effective with FY 2026, the Board has adopted a new project-based model that focuses on institutions implementing certain policies that will benefit students' academic success. To be eligible for any new funding appropriated by the Legislature, each institution will submit an annual performance report that updates the Board on an institution's progress toward implementing the proven practices as outlined in the performance agreement. The performance report provides the Board a basis for awarding any new funding.

Awarding of new funding is based on progress in the following five projects/indicators included in the performance agreement, all in accordance with amended Board Policy Chapter III.A.14. unless otherwise noted in the Projects-Based Performance Funding table below.

- Math Pathways
- Corequisite Math Support Developmental Education
- Corequisite English Support Developmental Education
- Systemwide Course Placement Measures (for both math & English)
- Academic Degree Maps

Compliance is evaluated annually, and levels of funding are determined on an annual basis. The first year built the foundation for the next two years. For each reporting year, an institution may be awarded 0% to 100% of new funding, based on its level of compliance with the performance agreement and level of completion of each of the five projects as specified in the AY 2024 – AY 2026 Performance Agreement, as reported by the institution.

More information regarding the performance agreement process, individual institution's performance agreements, and annual reporting on the progress can be found at the following link: https://kansasregents.gov/academic_affairs/performance-agreements.

Prior Performance Funding Model				
Performance Period	Report to Board Staff	Review by Academic Affairs Committee	Review by Board of Regents	Funding Awarded *(if new money is available)*
AY 2022	July 1, 2023	Fall 2023	January 2024	FY 2025

New Project-Based Performance Funding Model				
Performance Period*	Report to Board Staff	Review by Academic Affairs Committee	Review by Board of Regents	Funding Awarded *(if new money is available)*
AY 2024	July 1, 2024	Fall 2024	Jan/Feb 2025	FY 2026
AY 2025	July 1, 2025	Fall 2025	Jan/Feb 2026	FY 2027
AY 2026	July 1, 2026	Fall 2026	Jan/Feb 2027	FY 2028
AY 2027	July 1, 2027	Fall 2027	Jan/Feb 2028	FY 2029

**Performance for the fiscal year is based on the institution establishing a plan for the subsequent year.*

Performance Funding Implications (AY 2027 Funding Cycle for New Funding in FY 2028)
By July 1, 2026, each institution submits a plan document for the activities noted above for AY 2027, including:
A schedule of Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 gateway math courses for math pathways;
A schedule of Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 corequisite math support developmental education sections (no prerequisite math developmental education courses will be offered);
A schedule of Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 corequisite English support developmental education sections; (no prerequisite English developmental education courses will be offered);
An institutional policy demonstrating compliance with the systemwide English and math course placement measures and any institutionally designated English and math course placement measures that will be used (ALEKS, a homegrown math assessment, a plan to evaluate non-cognitive factors, etc.); and
A link to all academic degree maps for students starting in Fall 2026 or Spring 2027.

2026-2027 BOARD GOALS:

Each year, the Board of Regents establishes priorities for where it will focus its activities in the coming year. For the current year, the Board has adopted the following goals:

Board Goal #1 - Artificial Intelligence
Establish a systemwide framework for the responsible use of artificial intelligence that supports student success, institutional effectiveness, and alignment with Kansas workforce needs.

Background:
Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming teaching and learning, student services, workforce preparation, research, and administrative operations. Kansas public higher education institutions are exploring AI opportunities while addressing governance, ethical, privacy, security, and workforce implications.

During the 2025-2026 academic year, the Board established a goal to collect information on institutional artificial intelligence initiatives, research, and instructional strategies. This work provided a foundation for developing a broader systemwide approach to the responsible use of artificial intelligence across Kansas public higher education.

Potential areas of focus:

- Develop systemwide principles and guidelines for the responsible use of artificial intelligence.
- Identify and promote effective practices that enhance student learning, student success, and institutional effectiveness.
- Promote AI literacy and workforce readiness across academic programs and career pathways.
- Address data privacy, cybersecurity, academic integrity, and ethical considerations.
- Engage employers and industry leaders to better understand emerging AI workforce needs.
- Explore opportunities for new or redesigned AI-related credentials, programs, and pathways aligned to high demand jobs in Kansas.

Board Goal #2 – Effective Governance
Advance Board governance through clear policy direction, effective communication, accountability, and strategic oversight of the Kansas public higher education system.

Background:
The Board's governance role is strengthened when policies are clear, expectations are transparent, performance measures are understood, and stakeholders have confidence in the Board's strategic direction and oversight responsibilities.

Potential areas of focus:

- Review governance practices, policies, and processes to identify opportunities for continuous improvement.
- Enhance Regent orientation, professional development, and access to information that supports effective decision-making.
- Enhance communication and engagement among Regents, institutional leaders, policymakers, and other stakeholders regarding Board priorities and actions.
- Clarify roles and responsibilities to promote effective governance across the system.
- Strengthen accountability through clear expectations, performance reporting, and transparent oversight.
- Advance additional governance priorities identified by the Board or emerging during the year that support the goal.

Board Goal #3 – System Partnerships, Alignment, and Leadership
Cultivate strategic relationships that foster collaboration, system alignment, and effective leadership across Kansas higher education.

Background:
Achieving statewide higher education goals requires collaboration among universities, community colleges, technical colleges, policymakers, business and industry leaders, and other partners. Strong relationships support alignment, trust, effective leadership, and collective problem-solving.

Potential areas of focus:

- Support relationship-building with institutional leaders, elected officials, state partners, and other key stakeholders.
- Foster communication, collaboration, and alignment across the Kansas public higher education system.
- Support the successful transition of the Board President and CEO through engagement with institutional leaders, policymakers, and strategic partners.
- Advance leadership practices and organizational capacity that contribute to the effective operation of the public higher education system.
- Identify opportunities for partnerships that advance Board priorities, student success, and Kansas workforce and economic development goals.

AGENCY-WIDE OVERVIEW OF CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE AND BUDGET YEAR INFORMATION

Guiding Principle
The Higher Education Coordination Act provides that the Kansas Board of Regents shall "serve as the representative of the public postsecondary educational system before the Governor and the Kansas Legislature" (K.S.A. 74-3202c(b)(1)). This statute provides the foundation for an approach to state funding that reflects a system-wide focus on requesting and advocating for state investment in public postsecondary education, which includes the six state universities, the one municipal university with an affiliated institute of technology, 19 community colleges and six technical colleges.

Article I of the Board's By-Laws regarding Board meetings states that "Prior to the submission of the Board's unified state budget request, the Board shall meet to conduct a workshop for the sole purpose of reviewing the appropriations requests that state universities and others will propose for the upcoming state budget and appropriation process…" As part of the Board's 2026 retreat, the annual budget workshop held on July 30, 2026, provided the Board with an overview of the state budget process and current budget outlook, as well as a review of

the Fiscal Year 2028 budget enhancements recommended by the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority and proposed by the 32 public institutions as well as the Board Office.

Key Themes

- All new funding is subject to the Board's statutory performance agreement process, by which institutions demonstrate movement on implementing high impact practices to support the Board's goal of improving student outcomes.
- The public postsecondary education system continuously engages in the reporting of meaningful, uniform financial and performance data to provide the basis for demonstrating accountability; measuring the adequacy of funding; and developing data which portray the financial condition of each sector/institution in a relevant manner.
- The Board advocates for the system before the Governor and Legislature emphasizing the following themes:
    - Kansas public higher education is a system of 32 institutions representing a collective $5.2 billion enterprise, financed through a mix of state, local, student, federal, and private revenue sources. While state support represents less than one-fourth of total revenues for the system, that support is a critical component for: ensuring access to a postsecondary credential is affordable to Kansans; leveraging other funding sources; as well as financing those activities not likely to garner interest from donors.
    - The Kansas higher education system is a major engine of economic growth, both as an educator of the workforce and as an employer. Failure to sustain it will ultimately limit the economic potential of Kansas.
    - Although State General Fund support represents less than one-fourth of the total funding for the system, those revenues are nevertheless a critical component for leveraging other funding sources.
- The Kansas public higher education system is committed to affordability, attainment and workforce goals that ensure the state's higher education system meets the needs of Kansans and Kansas.

Board policy (Ch. II, Sec. F) provides the structure from which the Board's unified appropriation request is developed:

b Legislative Requests and Proposed Legislation

i All requests for funds, programs, changes in legislation and new legislation affecting the Board and system institutions shall be submitted to the Board for consideration no later than the November meeting of the Board. Emergency situations may warrant special exceptions, but to the extent possible, no request for legislation during the ongoing legislative session shall be submitted after the March meeting of the Board. Non-budgetary legislative items shall be submitted by the government relations officer of the institution to the Board's director of government relations and shall contain actual bill language when possible. Requests for funds, programs, changes in legislation and new legislation that are approved by the Board shall be included in the Board's annual legislative proposals. Requests that are not approved by the Board shall not be submitted to the Legislature for introduction.

ii Once approval has been granted, all institutions are authorized to work for these requests and each institution is expected to support the entire request. Conversely, all institutions are prohibited from requesting or working for additional legislation or funds.

iii When legislation having an effect on the operation of the higher education system, proposed by someone or some group other than the Board, is brought to the Board's attention, it shall be the responsibility of the Board to make a decision as to whether the position of the system is that of support, non-support, or opposition.

To carry out its statutory responsibilities of governance and coordination, the Board requests and advocates for state funding to the Board Office to be further allocated to sectors and institutions based on its determination of system-wide needs, institutional accountability, and the performance of institutions.

Actual Position Data

The Board's actual FTE position count for FY 2026 was 58.00.

Changes to Appropriation Language

Staff will present requests for changes to appropriation language at the Board of Regents' meeting on November 18, 2026.

CURRENT YEAR REVISED ESTIMATE

The approved FY 2027 budget has been updated for current staffing and associated fringe benefit costs. Appropriations made to the Board of Regents but intended for the state universities have all been transferred to the universities. Amounts in the Board's budget that reappropriated from FY 2026 to FY 2027 total $22.6 million and have been incorporated in the current year budget. Most of the reappropriations are for student financial aid programs ($18.9 million) and in some cases monies were transferred between accounts prior to the end of FY 2026 or in the first months of FY 2027 so that they may be used in FY 2027 for awards in programs with greater eligible applicants, such as the Hero's Scholarship program (spent out of the Tuition Waivers account).

- Blueprint for Literacy - $3,574,651 will be used to pay for scholarships for in-service teachers taking the required graduate-level courses to earn the literacy credential necessary to maintain licensure by 2030 and for salary and operating expenses of the staff dedicated to the Literacy initiative.
- Adult Education ($59,493) and EPSCoR ($873) – reflect grant dollars returned to the Board that will be granted back out to institutions within FY 2027.

Student Financial Aid

Although the goal is to assist as many students as possible with available state funding, when students' college plans change or they are later determined to be ineligible for an award in a particular program, state funds are left unspent. The Board of Regents also tries to ensure funding is available in future years for students' grants and scholarships to be renewed. Students who lose their financial aid are far more likely to drop out of college and not complete their degree program.

- Promise Scholarship – $6,853,775 will be used for awards to eligible students in the program.
- Tuition Waivers – $603,271 will be used for awards to the growing pool of eligible students in the Hero's Scholarship program.
- Osteopathic Service Scholarship – $2,262,589 has been carried over to ensure funding is available to renew all eligible students who wish to receive funding through their four years of study.
- National Guard Tuition Assistance and EMERGE Programs – $2,759,313 will be used for awards to eligible Guard members or their sponsored dependents, as approved by the Adjutant General.
- Military Service Scholarships – $406,852 will be used for awards to eligible students or transferred to the Tuition Waivers account for the Hero's Scholarship program.
- ROTC Service Scholarship - $9,847 will be used for awards to eligible students.
- Nursing Student Scholarships – $1,134,119 will be used for awards to eligible students; the Board has revoked the regulation that requires recipients to enroll on a full-time basis that will make the program more accessible to students starting in FY 2027.

- Nurse Educator Grant – $635,540 will be used for awards to eligible students in this service scholarship.
- Teachers Scholarship Program – $256,049 will be used for awards to eligible students in this service scholarship.
- State Scholarship – $1,047,499 will be used for awards to eligible students in the program.
- Education Opportunity Scholarship – $2,896,638 will be used for awards to eligible students in this service scholarship.

Supplemental Request: Excel in CTE ($7,827,508)
With enactment of 2012 Senate Bill 155, Kansas launched the Excel in CTE Initiative as a strategic effort to enhance career and technical education in Kansas and prepare high school students for postsecondary education and workforce opportunities. Through this initiative, Kansas high school students have benefited from state-funded college tuition for approved technical courses offered by the 26 Kansas community and technical colleges. The program has resulted in notable growth in postsecondary CTE programs.

The TEA and Board acted in FY 2026 to refine colleges' eligibility for state aid under Excel in CTE, by applying new eligibility factors, done at the initial request of the community colleges and later based on conversations with representatives from both the community and technical colleges. While the TEA and Board discussed imposing new limitations on eligibility for state aid starting in FY 2028, the 2026 Legislature reduced the FY 2027 appropriation and applied those eligibility changes to FY 2027 in a budget proviso (except the change related to synchronizing eligibility for the funding with Promise Act Scholarship programs which was excluded in the final budget bill). Those factors were envisioned to take effect in FY 2027 to reduce state aid expenses in FY 2028, to avoid affecting those high school students unable to complete their pathway prior to high school graduation. The 2026 Legislature, however, elected to apply the changes to FY 2027 funding, via a proviso attached to the appropriation:

> Tuition for technical education (561-00-1000-0120).....$36,550,000
> *Provided*, That, any unencumbered balance in the tuition for technical education account in excess of $100 as of June 30, 2026, is hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2027: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 72-3810 or 72-3819, and amendments thereto, or any other statute, no expenditures shall be made by the above agency from such account during fiscal year 2027 for tuition reimbursement for career technical education (CTE) courses or programs unless the secondary student is a junior or senior with a 2.0 GPA and has earned 1/2 of such students schools' credit hours required for graduation: *And provided further*, That no expenditures shall be made by the above agency from such account during fiscal year 2027 for tuition reimbursement for CTE courses for any secondary student who has previously failed at: (A) An attempt of the same or substantially the same CTE course; or (B) two attempts of any CTE courses: *And provided further*, That notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 72-3810, and amendments thereto, or any other statute, during fiscal year 2027, the community college, technical college or institute of technology may charge tuition and fees to a secondary student if such student is ineligible to have such student's CTE course reimbursed pursuant to this proviso: *And provided further*, That during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, not later than 60 days following

the class start date, expenditures shall be made by the above agency from such account for tuition reimbursement: *And provided further*, That it is the intent of the legislature that the funding appropriated in the tuition for technical education account in subsequent appropriation acts of the legislature not exceed $50,000,000 for tuition reimbursement for career technical education (CTE) courses or programs.

The Board's FY 2027 Excel in CTE budget request was reduced by $17,962,790, a $10.0 million cut from what was originally appropriated in FY 2026. The $36.55 million Excel in CTE appropriation was distributed by the Board of Regents at the September 16, 2026 meeting, reflecting the proposed proration methodology requested by the colleges and adopted by the TEA on May 28, 2026. The scenario excludes high school students who do not meet the following criteria in accordance with the budget proviso, legislative intent, and TEA action:

- Be a junior or senior.
- Have a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Have completed at least one-half of the credits required for high school graduation.
- Not have previously failed the same or substantially the same CTE course.
- Not have failed two CTE courses.
- Took technical courses eligible for the Promise Act Scholarship (e.g., diesel technology, healthcare and welding, for example).

To align the distributions with available state funding, each college's amount was then reduced by 17.638 percent.

The community and technical colleges requested that the Board of Regents present a supplemental budget request to the incoming Governor and the 2027 Legislature to cover the identified shortfall for Excel in CTE in the FY 2027 revised budget. The Board of Regents agreed with the colleges' request to seek a supplemental of $7,827,508.

BUDGET YEAR INFORMATION

Unified State Appropriations Request

The Board of Regents and the nine agencies of the state universities (Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, including the Manhattan, Salina and Olathe Campuses, Kansas State University – Extension Systems & Agriculture Research Programs, Kansas State University – Veterinary Medical Center, Pittsburg State University, the University of Kansas, including the Lawrence and Edwards Campuses, the University of Kansas Medical Center, and Wichita State University) each submit their own budget to the Division of the Budget and the Legislative Research Department. To facilitate the Board's statutory role of submitting the unified

appropriations request, the state universities submit base budgets for the coming year with no enhancements and upon Board action at the September meeting, the Board of Regents' request incorporates the System's unified appropriations request.

At the meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents on September 16, 2026, the Board approved a unified state appropriations request for FY 2028 with enhancements totaling $104.2 million that focus on student affordability and success, promoting postsecondary pathways for more Kansans, and serving the State of Kansas and its future economic development well into the future. The request was developed with input from across the institutions with items selected that most directly support the Board's strategic plan and goals of improving postsecondary attainment of Kansans and meeting the projected needs of Kansas employers.

The Board requests continued state funding for several ongoing projects from prior years and makes the case for new state investments. Included below is information outlining the Board's budget enhancements made on behalf of the system of 32 public institutions of higher education, nearly 30,000 employees, and over 233,000 students.

Baseline Assumptions for FY 2028 Agency Request

1. No further cuts to state funding for the System beyond those applied in FY 2027, as they remain in the FY 2028 base budget. $0 Requested beyond allocation

The 2026 Legislature reduced state support for the universities:

University of Kansas	$4,167,176
Kansas State University	3,001,816
Wichita State University	2,053,374
Emporia State University	4,808,475
Pittsburg State University	4,861,649
Fort Hays State University	4,863,810
	$23,756,300

The Legislature also eliminated state funding for the student success playbooks. The reduction for the public universities was $5,827,300 for the seven universities in FY 2027, and a $2.5 million cut to the community and technical colleges. As mentioned earlier, the Excel in CTE initiative was reduced $10.0 million.

2. Extend State Support for KSU ESARP through FY 2028 and beyond. $0 Requested beyond allocation

Kansas State University's Cooperative Extension Service is one of the state's most impactful public investments, connecting university research with practical solutions that strengthen agriculture, families, businesses, and communities in all 105 Kansas counties. Extension's work is deeply rooted in supporting Kansas agriculture through programs in crop and livestock production, farm management, precision agriculture, water resource stewardship, rural leadership, and 4-H youth development. State funding also serves as a catalyst, leveraging approximately $50 million annually in federal, county, and other external investments.

Recent legislative discussions have questioned the value and effectiveness of the Extension network. The university will aggressively advocate for continuation of this critical funding which generates $383.2 million in annual economic activity, supports 3,755 Kansas jobs, produces $20.9 million in state and local tax revenue, and reaches more than 900,000 Kansans each year through educational programs and direct engagement in every county across the state.

3. Continue Investment for Student Financial Aid Through FY 2029. $0 Requested beyond allocation

The Legislature has demonstrated a strong commitment to support student financial aid in recent years. The Board of Regents asks that the level of commitment continue into FY 2029. To facilitate the future awarding of financial aid, the Board has advocated for biennial appropriations for these state programs. First done by the 2023 Legislature, state funds were appropriated to the Board Office for FY 2024 and FY 2025, and the 2026 Legislature continued the practice by appropriating financial aid funds for FY 2028 as a "no cost extension" in response to the Board's request. Students make decisions about enrolling at an institution of higher education and institutions develop financial aid packages unique to each student throughout the academic year, but typically well in advance of when the Legislature finalizes its appropriations to the Board of Regents for the state's student financial aid programs.

This year's request is that the 2027 Legislature appropriate state monies for student financial aid for FY 2029. Appropriating student financial aid on this timeline facilitates institutions' award processes and allows students and their families to understand their net costs of attendance and make earlier and informed decisions for college enrollment. The Board seeks the following State General Fund appropriations (and one transfer) for FY 2029 in the same amount as FY 2028:

State Scholarship Program
Kansas Distinguished Scholarship Program
Kansas Comprehensive Grant Program
Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship
Kansas Work-Study Program
Career Technical Workforce Grant
Nursing Student Scholarship Program
Optometry Education Program
Tuition Waivers
Nurse Educator Grant Program

ROTC Service Scholarships
Military Service Scholarships
Teachers Scholarship Program
National Guard Educational Assistance
EMERGE Program Assistance
Governor's Scholars Program
Kansas Promise Scholarship
Computer Science Preservice Educator Grant
Osteopathic Service Scholarship
Adult Learner Grant Program Fund

Enhancements Requested for FY 2028

1. Restore State Investment in Alzheimer's Research (KU Medical Center) $5.0 million

The 2026 Legislature provided a $5.0 million appropriation to the KU Medical Center to address Alzheimer's research, which was taken out of the allocation for ongoing base funding in FY 2028 and beyond. The Board asks that this funding be treated as recurring funding and retained in the institution's base. The table below explains how the funds will be deployed to benefit Kansas.

Every Kansan should have access to timely, high-quality brain health diagnosis and care, no matter where they live. With initial support from the Kansas Legislature, the University of Kansas Alzheimer's Disease Research Center is building the statewide infrastructure to deliver it: a network of practices across Kansas equipped to recognize cognitive change early, complete an evaluation, and support patients and families locally, with KU providing expertise, training, and specialty backup.

Annual Investment Structure

INVESTMENT AREA	PURPOSE	ANNUAL
Network Leadership & Operations	Central direction, financial stewardship, program administration, and statewide community engagement.	**$450,000**
The Statewide Network	The care delivery and capacity-building core, what reaches Kansans directly.	**$2,450,000**
Care Support Network (Cognitive Care Network)	Social work-led post-diagnosis care delivered directly to patients and families in partner communities.	$800,000
Clinical Assessment Network	Partner site funding distributed through regional Area Health Education Centers, with the clinical leadership and	$1,300,000

INVESTMENT AREA	PURPOSE	ANNUAL
	advanced practice capacity supporting them.	
Evaluation Unit	Independent evaluation through the Kansas Center for Rural Health, measuring reach, quality, and improvement over time.	$350,000
Discovery Science	Research programs, pilot grants, real-world data infrastructure, and the brain health biobank, a foundation that directly advances the mission and reach of the network.	$1,300,000
Training & Education	Clinical and advanced practice fellowships and the brain health education programs building the Kansas workforce.	$800,000
Total annual investment	Recurring operating structure of the statewide network.	**$5,000,000**

Why Recurring Funding Is Essential:

Building capacity is a long-term effort. The University of Kansas Medical Center is working to keep care local in Kansas communities. That capacity lives in independent Kansas practices, not KU outposts. Teaching clinicians to recognize, evaluate, and manage cognitive change is not a one-time transaction but the accumulation of clinical skill, reinforced over years, and the steady diffusion of knowledge to every corner of a large state. That work rests on durable partnerships with practices that commit for years, and to which the Network commits in return. Salaries, fellowships, and site support cannot be sustained by a one-time appropriation, and a funding horizon shorter than the commitment we ask of partners puts capacity already built at risk.

The field is advancing rapidly: we must deliver today's advances while preparing for tomorrow's. New diagnostics and therapies are here now, and the Network exists to carry them into practice across Kansas. These new therapies work only in early disease: a diagnosis that arrives late does not merely delay treatment, it excludes it. But today's tools are only the beginning. Better diagnostics, new treatments, and prevention strategies are coming, and each will require the same work of translation: training, workflow, specialty support, and local capacity.

A network sustained for the long term lets Kansas deliver what exists now and be ready for what comes next. Infrastructure rebuilt with each appropriation cycle can do neither.

The impact of this network is long-term. Kansas Medicaid spends about $615 million a year caring for people living with Alzheimer's disease. Another 141,000 Kansans provide care unpaid, at home. Earlier recognition of cognitive decline coupled with coordinated care improve quality of life, sustain caregivers, and reduce avoidable emergency visits, hospitalizations, and crisis-driven nursing facility placement. These gains accrue over years, if not a decade or more, but only if the network endures long enough to produce them.

Durability compounds the return in other ways: as one of 37 federally designated Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers, KU draws federal research dollars into Kansas that follow the infrastructure the state builds, including its real-world data and brain health biobank. The Network reports annually on its reach and progress, supporting continuous improvement. Above all, a durable network lets Kansas both advance discovery itself and move new advances from the wider field into practice faster, so they reach Kansans sooner, no matter where they live.

2. Continue State Aid for Tiered, Non-Tiered, Excel in CTE Courses Delivered by Community and Technical Colleges. Amounts estimated at $13.9 million with tiered and non-tiered costs to be calculated in November in time for the budget appeal

KSA 71-1801, et seq. provides for a method of distributing state aid to the community and technical colleges, effective July 1, 2011. The instructional cost model calculates colleges' costs at the course level and recognizes the effect of inflation on colleges' operating expenses as well as the cost differential in delivering technical courses. The amount needed for each college to receive their full reimbursement for tiered and non-tiered courses in FY 2028 according to the instructional cost model calculations will be determined this fall. The same model is used to calculate the colleges' state aid for high school students participating in the Excel in CTE program. The Board of Regents requests that the calculated state share continue to be funded.

The Legislature again fully funded the cost model for tiered and non-tiered courses in FY 2027. The amount needed for each college to receive reimbursement via the instructional cost model calculations for tiered and non-tiered courses will not be known until November. The Board of Regents requests that the calculated state share for tiered and non-tiered courses and for Excel in CTE courses for high school students continue to be funded in FY 2028 and the two-year colleges be reimbursed for delivering the courses.

3. Restore Capital Outlay Aid at FY 2024 through FY 2027 Levels. $5.0 million

The community and technical colleges were united in asking the Board to request restoration of the $5.0 million for capital outlay to preserve modern workforce training facilities that support high-demand industries. The funding is used for facilities and equipment essential for technical education.

4. Restore Business & Industry/Apprenticeship State Support at FY 2024 through FY 2027 Levels. $14.3 million
The community and technical colleges were united in asking the Board to request restoration of the $14.3 million for supporting employer partnerships and aligning state investments with workforce needs. The funding pays for workforce partnerships.

5. Restore Technical College Operating Fund at FY 2026 and FY 2027 Level $7.0 million
K.S.A. 74-32,470 provides for the technical college operating fund, but the appropriation was removed from the FY 2028 allocation. The colleges ask that the funding be restored as it ensures the technical colleges can fulfill their workforce mission despite lacking taxing authority and provides operational support necessary to educate Kansas' future workforce.

6. Renovate Facility to Deliver Healthcare Education with $1:$5 Match (Washburn University) $4.5 million
Washburn University seeks one-time state support of $4.5 million to match over $22 million in private industry and donor gifts. The funding will be used to renovate the former law school building in support of consolidating all health-care programs at the institution.

7. Establish Job Creation Act (Board of Regents) $10.0 million
Kansas faces a critical workforce challenge that threatens long-term economic growth and competitiveness. As industries evolve and the digital economy expands, the demand for highly skilled workers continues to outpace supply. The Job Creation Act is a targeted, scalable approach to address this gap through applied learning, strategic partnerships, and focused investment in high-demand career pathways.

States that have invested in helping more people earn bachelor's degrees have seen greater economic prosperity in their communities. Kansas has a clear opportunity to lead workforce innovation by aligning education, industry, and policy. The combination of applied learning, strategic partnerships, and targeted financial support can transform the state's talent pipeline.

An ongoing investment to close the financial gap for Pell-eligible students is a practical, scalable solution that will deliver immediate and long-term benefits for Kansas' economy, workforce, and communities.

Kansas is experiencing a workforce issue:

- A shortage of Kansans with four-year degrees needed to fill high-demand roles
- Underemployment among individuals with certificates or two-year degrees
- A growing need for lifelong learning as job requirements evolve

Approximately 500,000 Kansans between the ages of 25 and 35 have a high school diploma or less, leaving a significant portion of the population underprepared for the modern workforce. Even modest progress could have a meaningful impact: preparing just 1% of this group would add roughly 5,000 job-ready people to the Kansas workforce. At the same time, industries such as aerospace, energy, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing continue to expand, requiring a deeper talent pipeline aligned with employer needs.

To address these challenges, Kansas must take a multipronged approach:

- Attract talent to Kansas.
- Expanding recruitment efforts beyond state borders — especially in key metro areas — will significantly increase the talent pool. Previous outreach has demonstrated the potential to tap into a combined population exceeding 40 million people across regional and national markets.
- Train Kansans for high-demand jobs. Investing in education pathways that align with workforce needs ensures students are job-ready upon graduation.

To address this barrier and accelerate workforce development outcomes, the proposal is as follows:

- Establish a gap scholarship program to cover the difference between Pell Grant eligibility and total cost of attendance.
- Support approximately 5,000 Kansas students annually.
- Prioritize students pursuing degrees in high-demand fields.
- Include a minimum in-state residency requirement after graduation to strengthen workforce retention.

Focus will be on industry clusters. Targeted investment in key sectors ensures alignment with economic priorities:

- Aerospace
- Agriculture
- Energy
- Transportation and logistics
- Healthcare
- IT systems and digital transformation
- Advanced manufacturing and materials

8. Operational Modernization (Emporia State University) $1.5 million

Emporia State University is requesting one-time funding to modernize software and technology platforms to better serve students and improve workflows. This investment will allow ESU to implement tools that will dramatically increase efficiency, improve data, streamline operations and improve service delivery through advanced workflow systems, automation and emerging technologies.

By modernizing core operations, the university will:

- Reduce technology costs via cohesive digital + technology approach.
- Improve the student experience through seamless, connected platforms.
- Improve processes and effectiveness across high-volume functions such as student financial services, procurement, HR, finance and others.
- Enable strategic reallocation of staff to high priority areas.
- Achieve long-term cost sustainability without compromising quality.

As smaller regional institutions face increasing financial and workforce pressures, targeted investments in technology are essential to maintaining access, affordability and service quality for Kansas students and communities. This one-time investment will create lasting efficiencies and position ESU to operate more effectively.

9. Agriculture Equipment & Workforce Development Initiative (Fort Hays State University in Collaboration with FHSU Tech | Northwest) $2.0 million

This proposal, submitted on behalf of Fort Hays State University, outlines an investment in precision agriculture equipment and autonomous farm technology to improve planting accuracy, reduce chemical input costs, and enhance crop health monitoring across the university's farm operation.

Objective: To modernize Fort Hays State University's fleet with autonomy-ready machinery, precision planting and tillage tools, and data-driven monitoring devices that reduce labor dependency, cut herbicide use, improve yield decision-making, and support a hands-on training pipeline for the next generation of precision-ag experts.

This proposal focuses on the following strategic goals:

- Precision ag integration — Tractor, planter, disk, and sprayer all work together for coordinated autonomous operation.

- Herbicide/chemical reduction — Greenfield Robotics and the camera-equipped Apache Sprayer both target lower chemical dependency.
- Data-driven decisions — Leaf spectrometer and soil moisture probe feed into diagnostics for disease, nutrients, and irrigation timing.

Why This Matters: Innovation, Workforce, and the Future of Kansas Agriculture
Kansas agriculture stands at an inflection point. Rising input costs, a shrinking rural labor pool, and increasingly volatile weather patterns are forcing producers to do more with fewer hands and tighter margins. Autonomous and precision-ag technology isn't a luxury upgrade — it's becoming the baseline for staying competitive. This investment positions Fort Hays State University's operation at the front edge of that shift, adopting the same autonomy-ready, data-driven equipment that will define the next generation of farming in this state.

But equipment alone doesn't solve the labor problem — people do. That's why Fort Hays State University is pairing this equipment investment with a workforce development collaboration alongside Fort Hays Tech | Northwest, building a direct pipeline between precision-ag training and real, working farm equipment. Students and technicians training on Ops Center data systems, autonomous weeders, and camera-guided sprayers gain hands-on experience on the exact machines shaping the industry's future — not simulations, but live equipment doing live work on the university's operation. This turns a capital investment into a regional talent engine: graduates trained locally, employed locally, and equipped to run the next generation of Kansas farms.

The ripple effect goes beyond one operation. Every dollar spent here helps anchor precision-ag education in Kansas, keeps skilled young workers from leaving the state, and builds the kind of employer-education partnership that strengthens the entire agricultural economy. This is innovation with a workforce mission attached - modernizing Fort Hays State University's farm operation while helping build the workforce that will sustain Kansas agriculture for decades.

10. Modernize Science Labs with Match to Private and University Resources (Pittsburg State University) Request $10.0 million
Pittsburg State University requests state funding to grow STEM graduates through improved Science Labs. Science Labs provide a key foundation for STEM programs. PSU’s science labs are in great need of modernization. The University has begun a ~$53 million project to update these labs. Forty percent of the funding has been identified to date. Donor and federal funding is also being requested. Additional state funding participation will allow the project to be completed more quickly and will help grow STEM graduates for Kansas. The University requests one time funding of $10.0 million.

11. Rural Veterinary Workforce & Advanced Clinical Excellence (KSU Veterinary Medical Center) Request: $5.0 million
Similar to many areas of the United States and one of the greatest challenges of the veterinary profession, Kansas faces a growing shortage of large-animal and rural veterinarians, which threatens the long-term viability and prosperity of livestock production and animal agriculture across the state. Many rural communities struggle to recruit and retain veterinarians, while increasing demand for veterinary services continues to strain existing providers. KSU's College of Veterinary Medicine is a robust program that consistently exceeds the national average for veterinary graduates that enter the large animal veterinary profession, a statistic that is important for the profession and livestock production.

This investment would support the College of Veterinary Medicine through the following actions:

- Increase access for Kansas students by expanding in-state enrollment at the College of Veterinary Medicine. Currently, approximately 50% of admitted students are Kansas residents and 50% are non-residents. Because non-resident students pay substantially higher tuition, increasing the proportion of Kansas-resident students requires additional state investment to offset the associated tuition revenue loss. Increased state support would enable the college to shift enrollment to approximately 60% Kansas residents and 40% non-residents, creating opportunities for roughly 70 Kansas students to pursue veterinary education each year while maintaining the college's financial sustainability. The intent of this shift would be to prioritize enrollment of all qualified Kansas-resident students.

- Increase funding for the Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas (VTPRK) to expand the pipeline of veterinarians serving rural Kansas. Since 2006, the VTPRK program has provided tuition assistance to students who commit to practicing in one of 95 rural counties, with up to $25,000 in annual loan forgiveness. The program has demonstrated exceptional success, with 86% of participants remaining in rural Kansas practice beyond their required four-year commitment. Increased support for VTPRK will provide greater opportunities for rural Kansas communities to have much needed veterinary services.

- Increased state appropriation to align Kansas' investment more closely with peer and surrounding states. Kansas ranks well below many surrounding states in per-student support for veterinary education, placing increasing pressure on the College to maintain the faculty, staff, facilities, and clinical programs required for accreditation. Based on FY 2025 data (most recent complete data set), the college is 35% below the national average for operating finances at $42M compared with the national average of $60M. The impact of this limited funding has resulted in the college having only 120 faculty where peer and exemplary programs have 200 or more faculty. Similar data exist for staff support that directly contribute to diagnostic and teaching hospital instruction and services.

Funding would support:

- Expanding in-state enrollment to 60% by increasing access for all qualified Kansas resident students, increasing the in-state pool to approximately 70 Kansas students annually.
- Strengthening the Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas (VTPRK) to further expand the veterinary workforce serving rural Kansas.
- Maintaining college accreditation by closing the gap in state support and investing in faculty, staff, clinical training, and infrastructure.

Key Outcomes:

- More Kansas-trained veterinarians entering the state's workforce resulting in these individuals being more likely to remain in the Kansas throughout their career.
- Increased livestock production and prosperity resulting from greater access to veterinary services in rural and currently underserved communities.
- A thriving, accredited College of Veterinary Medicine positioned competitively with peer institutions creating greater prosperity for the state of Kansas.

12. Renovate & Modernize Military Science & ROTC Facility (University of Kansas) Request: $20.0 million

The University of Kansas has a long and distinguished partnership with the United States military, serving as a premier institution for leadership development, defense research, and military education. KU is uniquely positioned as one of the few universities in the nation to host ROTC opportunities representing all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

To preserve and strengthen this longstanding commitment, the University of Kansas respectfully requests $20,000,000 in state funding support to renovate and modernize its facilities to better serve its ROTC programs and military affiliated students. Existing spaces have significant deferred maintenance concerns and no longer meet the instructional, technological, and operational needs of today's military education programs or the students they serve.

13. Kansas Center for Energy Growth (Geological Survey, University of Kansas) Request $3.0 million

KU seeks funding of $3,000,000/year to create the Center for Energy Growth. Energy is not just a background condition. It shapes where industries are located, how growth happens, how infrastructure is built, and whether states are positioned to compete for new waves of investment. Across the country, many states and major universities have energy-focused institutes, centers, or coordinating bodies that help provide analysis, strategic direction, and practical guidance on energy investment and development. They help connect research, policy,

infrastructure, industry needs, and public decision-making in ways that can better equip communities and local leaders to navigate major energy opportunities. That kind of coordination matters. It helps states understand their options, prioritize investable opportunities, attract industry, align stakeholders, and move more deliberately in a fast-changing energy landscape while increasing the likelihood that resulting benefits are shared broadly across communities and regions. The resulting activity does not stay confined to the energy sector. It underpins broader economic growth, supports industrial recruitment, improves a state's ability to compete for capital, and creates a platform for innovation that can attract businesses, talent, and long-term investment while strengthening communities through better-informed local decision-making. Kansas has major energy assets and real opportunity. The question is not whether energy will shape the state's economic future. It is whether Kansas will have an organized, practical capability to help shape that future well. We believe a proposed Center for Energy Growth will provide the State of Kansas with this capability to help shape the future.

KU is seeking authority to partner with the Kansas Geological Survey to seek funding to create the Kansas Center for Energy Growth. This Center would help identify the energy development pathways with the greatest potential to strengthen Kansas's economy, support its communities, and improve its competitiveness. It would assist Kansas' leaders, communities, utilities, and industries make sound decisions about infrastructure needs, technology adoption, and project formation. It would also help bridge the technology and supply chain integration gaps necessary to maximize efficiency and economic impact and stimulate public-private partnerships to bring in investable projects. From an understanding of demand growth, opportunities for supply diversification, storage, and transmission, and transportation in Kansas can be developed and we can help translate emerging energy technologies into investable opportunities for Kansas.

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Summary by Program **Program Description**	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Base Budget Entry	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Base Budget Entry	FY 2028 Agency Change Packages	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request
01030 Administration	8,863,257	1,836,034	8,410,445	1,959,103	0	8,781,627
41200 Postscndry Educ Institutions	288,225,735	279,204,137	287,031,645	248,018,910	91,200,000	339,218,910
41400 Student Financial Assistance	74,288,989	95,205,441	95,205,441	72,740,682	10,000,000	82,740,682
99000 Capital Improvements	0	0	0	89,039,190	0	89,039,190
Total by Program:	**371,377,981**	**376,245,612**	**390,647,531**	**411,757,885**	**101,200,000**	**519,780,409**

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1000	State General Fund	354,154,084	361,566,138	374,416,197	307,971,729	101,200,000	414,361,891
2151	Ged Credentials Processing Ff	86,503	2,260	84,269	2,583	0	87,908
2172	Truck Driver Training Fd	60,395	65,206	65,206	65,206	0	65,206
2266	Inservice Edu Workshop Ff	5,932	0	0	0	0	0
2280	Financial Aid Services Ff	65,394	0	0	0	0	0
2366	Motorcycle Safety Fd	86,775	86,775	86,775	86,775	0	86,775
2433	Conversion Of Mat & Equp Fd	12,681	0	0	0	0	0
2525	Grants Fd	507,435	158,539	261,594	162,753	0	258,914
2614	Pvt/Out-St Postsec Edu Inst Ff	767,230	127,801	574,608	128,948	0	599,252
2857	Kansas Adult Learner Grant Program Fund	654,266	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
2860	Kansas Campus Restoration Fund	2,493,450	2,700,000	2,700,000	32,700,000	0	32,700,000
3042	84.002-Adult Edu-Basic Grt	4,710,037	4,041,286	4,387,144	4,136,414	0	4,499,885
3539	84.048-Career/ Tech Edu-Bsc Grt	6,751,779	5,963,188	6,537,319	5,929,287	0	6,546,388
3920	99.014-Usac E-Rate Prg	405,826	0	0	0	0	0
7200	Faculty Of Distiction Prg Fd	616,194	534,419	534,419	535,000	0	535,000
8001	Educational Building Fund	0	0	0	59,039,190	0	59,039,190
	Total by Funding Source:	**371,377,981**	**376,245,612**	**390,647,531**	**411,757,885**	**101,200,000**	**519,780,409**

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Fund Number: 1000 0103 Name: OPERATING EXP-INCD OFF HOS	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	5,345,849	5,416,979	5,665,580	0
40005 LAPSES	(8,514)	0	0	0
Total Available	5,337,335	5,416,979	5,665,580	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	5,337,331	5,416,979	5,665,580	0
Total Expenditures	5,337,331	5,416,979	5,665,580	0
Balance Forward	4	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0120 Name: Tech Ed Tuition	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	47,050,000	36,550,000	36,550,000	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	358,839	79,655	0	0
40011 Supplemental Appropriation	6,200,000	0	0	0
Total Available	53,608,839	36,629,655	36,550,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	53,529,184	44,457,163	41,550,000	0
Total Expenditures	53,529,184	44,457,163	41,550,000	0
Balance Forward	79,655	(7,827,508)	(5,000,000)	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0130 Name: Two Yr Coll Apprentice Act	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	14,300,000	14,300,000	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	21,000	0	0	0
40005 LAPSES	(2,988,947)	0	0	0
Total Available	11,332,053	14,300,000	0	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	11,332,053	14,300,000	14,300,000	0
Total Expenditures	11,332,053	14,300,000	14,300,000	0
Balance Forward	0	0	(14,300,000)	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0140 Name: NISS academic playbook	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	5,827,300	0	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	(5,193,300)	0	0	0
Total Available	634,000	0	0	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	634,000	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	634,000	0	0	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0150 Name: Technical colleges operating grants	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	0
Total Available	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	0
Total Expenditures	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	0
Balance Forward	0	0	(7,000,000)	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0160 Name: Hero's Act Scholarships	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	1,750,000	0	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	(1,750,000)	0	0	0
Total Available	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0180 Name: Osteopathic Service Scholarship	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	1,811,000	2,262,589	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	(56,411)	0	0	0
Total Available	2,754,589	3,262,589	1,000,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	492,000	3,262,589	1,000,000	0
Total Expenditures	492,000	3,262,589	1,000,000	0
Balance Forward	2,262,589	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0190 Name: Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	8,205	2,708,205	2,708,205	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	6,239,120	3,574,651	0	0
Total Available	6,247,325	6,282,856	2,708,205	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	2,672,676	6,282,856	2,708,205	0
Total Expenditures	2,672,676	6,282,856	2,708,205	0
Balance Forward	3,574,649	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0210 Name: 2YR College Stud Success Init	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	10,500,000	0	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	2	0	0	0
40005 LAPSES	(2,194,681)	0	0	0
Total Available	8,305,321	0	0	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	8,305,321	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	8,305,321	0	0	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0230 Name: Kansas Education Opp Scholarships	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	1,821,434	2,896,638	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	296,498	0	0	0
Total Available	3,817,932	4,596,638	1,700,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	921,294	4,596,638	1,700,000	0
Total Expenditures	921,294	4,596,638	1,700,000	0
Balance Forward	2,896,638	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0240 Name: EMERGE Program Assistance	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	879,080	2,556,183	0	0
Total Available	3,079,080	4,756,183	2,200,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	522,897	4,756,183	2,200,000	0
Total Expenditures	522,897	4,756,183	2,200,000	0
Balance Forward	2,556,183	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0250 Name: MIDWEST HIGHED ED COMMISSION	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	115,000	115,000	115,000	0
Total Available	115,000	115,000	115,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	115,000	115,000	115,000	0
Total Expenditures	115,000	115,000	115,000	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0310 Name: VOCATIONAL ED CAP OUTLAY AID	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	12,419,311	12,419,311	7,419,311	0
Total Available	12,419,311	12,419,311	7,419,311	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	12,419,311	12,419,311	12,419,311	0
Total Expenditures	12,419,311	12,419,311	12,419,311	0
Balance Forward	0	0	(5,000,000)	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0340 Name: FHSU Prof Workforce Development	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	750,000	0	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	(750,000)	0	0	0
Total Available	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0350 Name: WU Student Aid for Financial Need	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	1,784,260	1,784,260	1,989,025	0
Total Available	1,784,260	1,784,260	1,989,025	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	1,784,260	1,784,260	1,989,025	0
Total Expenditures	1,784,260	1,784,260	1,989,025	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0360 Name: Regional Growth and Development	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	12,000,000	0	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	(12,000,000)	0	0	0
Total Available	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0370 Name: EPSCOR	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	993,265	993,265	993,265	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	0	873	0	0
Total Available	993,265	994,138	993,265	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	992,392	994,138	993,265	0
Total Expenditures	992,392	994,138	993,265	0
Balance Forward	873	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0380 Name: Two-Year College Student Investment	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	0	2,500,000	0	0
Total Available	0	2,500,000	0	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	0	2,500,000	0	0
Total Expenditures	0	2,500,000	0	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0390 Name: Tuition for Accel Opps Kansas GED Accel	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	0	500,000	500,000	0
Total Available	0	500,000	500,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	0	500,000	500,000	0
Total Expenditures	0	500,000	500,000	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0550 Name: NON-TIERED COURSE CR HR GRANT	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	88,361,538	91,972,880	91,972,880	0
Total Available	88,361,538	91,972,880	91,972,880	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	88,361,538	91,972,880	96,939,880	0
Total Expenditures	88,361,538	91,972,880	96,939,880	0
Balance Forward	0	0	(4,967,000)	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0580 Name: Need based Aid Scholarship & Recruitment	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	(2,295,235)	0	0	0
Total Available	204,765	2,500,000	0	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	204,765	2,500,000	0	0
Total Expenditures	204,765	2,500,000	0	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0760 Name: POST-SEC TIER TECH EDU ST AID	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	66,453,525	71,731,166	71,731,166	0
Total Available	66,453,525	71,731,166	71,731,166	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	66,453,525	71,731,166	75,664,166	0
Total Expenditures	66,453,525	71,731,166	75,664,166	0
Balance Forward	0	0	(3,933,000)	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0770 Name: POSTSECONDARY ED OPERATING GRT	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
Total Available	0	0	0	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	0	0	61,000,000	0
Total Expenditures	0	0	61,000,000	0
Balance Forward	0	0	(61,000,000)	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0800 Name: TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	3,094,046	3,094,046	3,094,046	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	14,948	256,049	0	0
Total Available	3,108,994	3,350,095	3,094,046	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	2,852,945	3,350,095	3,094,046	0
Total Expenditures	2,852,945	3,350,095	3,094,046	0
Balance Forward	256,049	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0900 Name: ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	1,567,031	1,567,031	1,567,031	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	0	59,493	0	0
Total Available	1,567,031	1,626,524	1,567,031	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	1,507,537	1,626,524	1,567,031	0
Total Expenditures	1,507,537	1,626,524	1,567,031	0
Balance Forward	59,494	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0950 Name: Governors Scholarship Program	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	11,675	0	0	0
40005 LAPSES	(1)	0	0	0
Total Available	31,674	20,000	20,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	31,674	20,000	20,000	0
Total Expenditures	31,674	20,000	20,000	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 0960 Name: Kansas Promise Scholarship	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	8,234,281	6,853,775	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	(21,002)	0	0	0
Total Available	18,213,279	16,853,775	10,000,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	11,359,504	16,853,775	10,000,000	0
Total Expenditures	11,359,504	16,853,775	10,000,000	0
Balance Forward	6,853,775	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 1010 Name: MUNICIPAL UNIV OPERATING GRANT	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	17,570,000	17,570,000	17,570,000	0
Total Available	17,570,000	17,570,000	17,570,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	17,570,000	17,570,000	17,570,000	0
Total Expenditures	17,570,000	17,570,000	17,570,000	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 1100 Name: OPTOMETRY EDUCATION PROGRAM	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	107,089	107,089	107,089	0
40004 TRANSFERS	56,411	0	0	0
Total Available	163,500	107,089	107,089	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	163,500	107,089	107,089	0
Total Expenditures	163,500	107,089	107,089	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 1300 Name: NATL GUARD ED ASSISTANCE	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	5,400,000	5,400,000	5,400,000	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	1,317,675	203,130	0	0
Total Available	6,717,675	5,603,130	5,400,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	6,514,545	5,603,130	5,400,000	0
Total Expenditures	6,514,545	5,603,130	5,400,000	0
Balance Forward	203,130	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 1310 Name: MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	500,314	500,314	500,314	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	2,026,373	406,852	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	(2,030,000)	0	0	0
Total Available	496,687	907,166	500,314	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	89,835	907,166	500,314	0
Total Expenditures	89,835	907,166	500,314	0
Balance Forward	406,852	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 1650 Name: TUITION WAIVERS	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	1,200,000	2,950,000	2,950,000	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	1,853,365	603,271	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	3,774,617	0	0	0
Total Available	6,827,982	3,553,271	2,950,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	6,224,711	3,553,271	2,950,000	0
Total Expenditures	6,224,711	3,553,271	2,950,000	0
Balance Forward	603,271	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 2000 Name: KANSAS WORK-STUDY PROGRAM	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	546,813	546,813	546,813	0
Total Available	546,813	546,813	546,813	0
Total Non-Reportable Expenditures	546,813	546,813	546,813	0
Total Expenditures	546,813	546,813	546,813	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 2200 Name: Career Tech Workforce Grant	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	24,617	0	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	(24,617)	0	0	0
Total Available	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 2410 Name: ETHNIC MINORITY SCHOLRSHIP PRG	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	296,498	0	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	(296,498)	0	0	0
Total Available	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 4100 Name: NURSING STUDENT SCHOLRSHIP PRG	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	1,417,255	1,417,255	1,417,255	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	880,400	1,134,119	0	0
Total Available	2,297,655	2,551,374	1,417,255	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	1,163,536	2,551,374	1,417,255	0
Total Expenditures	1,163,536	2,551,374	1,417,255	0
Balance Forward	1,134,119	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 4120 Name: NURSE EDUCATOR GRANT PROGRAM	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	188,126	188,126	188,126	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	566,407	635,540	0	0
Total Available	754,533	823,666	188,126	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	118,993	823,666	188,126	0
Total Expenditures	118,993	823,666	188,126	0
Balance Forward	635,540	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 4130 Name: NURSNG FACLTY & SUPPLS GRT PRG	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	3,787,193	3,787,193	3,787,193	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	9,775	0	0	0
Total Available	3,796,968	3,787,193	3,787,193	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	3,796,968	3,787,193	3,787,193	0
Total Expenditures	3,796,968	3,787,193	3,787,193	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 4300 Name: STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	1,010,919	1,010,919	1,010,919	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	522,818	1,047,499	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	7,522	0	0	0
Total Available	1,541,259	2,058,418	1,010,919	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	493,761	2,058,418	1,010,919	0
Total Expenditures	493,761	2,058,418	1,010,919	0
Balance Forward	1,047,498	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 4310 Name: SSP-KS DISTIGUISH SCHOL PRG	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	25,000	25,000	25,000	0
40004 TRANSFERS	(7,522)	0	0	0
Total Available	17,478	25,000	25,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	17,478	25,000	25,000	0
Total Expenditures	17,478	25,000	25,000	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 4500 Name: COMPREHENSIVE GRANT PROGRAM	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	40,258,338	40,258,338	40,258,338	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	170,911	0	0	0
Total Available	40,429,249	40,258,338	40,258,338	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	40,429,249	40,258,338	40,258,338	0
Total Expenditures	40,429,249	40,258,338	40,258,338	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 1000 4600 Name: ROTC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	175,335	175,335	175,335	0
40002 REAPPROPRIATION	0	9,847	0	0
40004 TRANSFERS	30,000	0	0	0
Total Available	205,335	185,182	175,335	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	195,488	185,182	175,335	0
Total Expenditures	195,488	185,182	175,335	0
Balance Forward	9,847	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 2151 2100 Name: GED CREDENTIALS PROCESSING FF	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	108,707	81,043	54,774	24,866
420400 CLERICAL SERVICES	58,839	58,000	58,000	0
Total Available	167,546	139,043	112,774	24,866
Total Reportable Expenditures	86,503	84,269	87,908	0
Total Expenditures	86,503	84,269	87,908	0
Balance Forward	81,043	54,774	24,866	24,866

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Fund Number: 2172 4900 Name: TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING FD	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	65,224	65,206	63,000	62,794
421210 LICENSE MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR	60,377	63,000	65,000	0
Total Available	125,601	128,206	128,000	62,794
Total Reportable Expenditures	60,395	65,206	65,206	0
Total Expenditures	60,395	65,206	65,206	0
Balance Forward	65,206	63,000	62,794	62,794

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Series: 2266 INSERVICE EDU WORKSHOP FF

		FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007	CASH FORWARD	40,569	34,637	34,637	34,637
40012	Encumbrance Adjustment	0	0	0	0
	Total Available	40,569	34,637	34,637	34,637
	Total Reportable Expenditures	5,932	0	0	0
	Total Expenditures	5,932	0	0	0
	Balance Forward	34,637	34,637	34,637	34,637

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Fund Number: 2280 2800 Name: FINANCIAL AID SERVICES FF	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	106,956	93,825	153,825	218,825
462110 RECOVERY OF CURRENT FY EXP	52,263	60,000	65,000	0
Total Available	159,219	153,825	218,825	218,825
Total Reportable Expenditures	65,394	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	65,394	0	0	0
Balance Forward	93,825	153,825	218,825	218,825

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Fund Number: 2366 2360 Name: MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FD	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	0	0	0	0
766010 OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	86,775	86,775	86,775	0
Total Available	86,775	86,775	86,775	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	86,775	86,775	86,775	0
Total Expenditures	86,775	86,775	86,775	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 2433 3200 Name: CONVERSION OF MAT & EQUP FD	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	0	0	0	0
766010 OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	12,681	0	0	0
Total Available	12,681	0	0	0
Total Non-Reportable Expenditures	12,681	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	12,681	0	0	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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		FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007	CASH FORWARD	1,214,249	1,009,828	964,134	921,120
420200	TECHNICAL AND SKILLED SERVICES	178,501	85,000	85,000	0
441010	ALL OTHER OPERATING GRANTS	55,400	130,900	130,900	0
469010	RECOVERY OF PRIOR FY EXP	69,113	0	0	0
	Total Available	1,517,263	1,225,728	1,180,034	921,120
	Total Reportable Expenditures	507,435	261,594	258,914	0
	Total Expenditures	507,435	261,594	258,914	0
	Balance Forward	1,009,828	964,134	921,120	921,120

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Fund Number: 2614 2610 Name: PVT/OUT-ST POSTSEC EDU INST FF	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	1,408,265	1,320,716	1,423,108	1,500,856
421110 LICENSE BUSINESS	624,989	625,000	625,000	0
430150 AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE INTEREST	52,807	52,000	52,000	0
469010 RECOVERY OF PRIOR FY EXP	1,885	0	0	0
Total Available	2,087,946	1,997,716	2,100,108	1,500,856
Total Reportable Expenditures	767,230	574,608	599,252	0
Total Expenditures	767,230	574,608	599,252	0
Balance Forward	1,320,716	1,423,108	1,500,856	1,500,856

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Fund Number: 2832 2832 Name: HSE CREDENTIAL PROCESSING FF	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	1,480	1,575	1,575	1,575
420400 CLERICAL SERVICES	95	0	0	0
Total Available	1,575	1,575	1,575	1,575
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Balance Forward	1,575	1,575	1,575	1,575

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Fund Number: 2857 2857 Name: Kansas Adult Learner Grant Program Fund	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	1,236,196	1,581,930	1,581,930	1,581,930
766010 OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Total Available	2,236,196	2,581,930	2,581,930	1,581,930
Total Reportable Expenditures	654,266	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Total Expenditures	654,266	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Balance Forward	1,581,930	1,581,930	1,581,930	1,581,930

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Fund Number: 2860 2860 Name: KS CAMPUS RESTORATION FUND	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	0	0	0	0
766010 OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	25,200,000	32,700,000	32,700,000	0
766020 OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(27,706,550)	(30,000,000)	0	0
766050 FED SUBGRANT TRANSFER IN	5,000,000	0	0	0
Total Available	2,493,450	2,700,000	32,700,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	2,493,450	2,700,000	32,700,000	0
Total Expenditures	2,493,450	2,700,000	32,700,000	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Series: 3042 84.002-ADULT EDU-BASIC GRT

		FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007	CASH FORWARD	(14,571)	(125,917)	45,879	111,051
440100	FEDERAL GRANT OPERATING	4,598,691	4,558,940	4,565,057	0
	Total Available	4,584,120	4,433,023	4,610,936	111,051
	Total Reportable Expenditures	4,710,037	4,387,144	4,499,885	0
	Total Expenditures	4,710,037	4,387,144	4,499,885	0
	Balance Forward	(125,917)	45,879	111,051	111,051

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Fund Number: 3539 3539 Name: CAREER/TECHNICAL EDU-BASIC GRT	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	(22,805)	(9,069)	0	0
440100 FEDERAL GRANT OPERATING	6,765,515	6,546,388	6,546,388	0
Total Available	6,742,710	6,537,319	6,546,388	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	6,569,459	6,537,319	6,546,388	0
Total Non-Reportable Expenditures	182,320	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	6,751,779	6,537,319	6,546,388	0
Balance Forward	(9,069)	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 3920 3920 Name: USAC E-RATE PRG	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	475,826	0	0	0
766020 OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(70,000)	0	0	0
Total Available	405,826	0	0	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	372,188	0	0	0
Total Non-Reportable Expenditures	33,638	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	405,826	0	0	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 7200 7050 Name: FACULTY OF DISTICTION PRG FD	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	0	0	0	0
766010 OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	616,194	534,419	535,000	0
Total Available	616,194	534,419	535,000	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	616,194	534,419	535,000	0
Total Expenditures	616,194	534,419	535,000	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

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Fund Number: 7220 6800 Name: NURSING SVC SCHOLARSHIP PRG FD	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	11,625	11,625	11,625	11,625
Total Available	11,625	11,625	11,625	11,625
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Balance Forward	11,625	11,625	11,625	11,625

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Fund Number: 7228 7000 Name: KS NATL GRD ASST PRG RPYMT FD	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40007 CASH FORWARD	77,405	77,405	77,405	77,405
Total Available	77,405	77,405	77,405	77,405
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Balance Forward	77,405	77,405	77,405	77,405

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Fund Number: 8001 8108 Name: EIBF-DISABLT ACT/FIRE CMP/IMPR	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2029 Adjusted Budget Request
40001 APPROPRIATION	58,500,000	56,000,000	59,039,190	0
40004 TRANSFERS	(58,500,000)	(56,000,000)	0	0
Total Available	0	0	59,039,190	0
Total Reportable Expenditures	0	0	59,039,190	0
Total Expenditures	0	0	59,039,190	0
Balance Forward	0	0	0	0

Special Revenue Funds

2151-2100 – GED Credentials Processing Fees Fund
Fund Revenue: FY 2027 $58,000 FY 2028 $58,000
Revenue for this fund is generated from a $20 fee for issuing or duplicating a GED diploma and a $12 administrative fee included in the GED testing fee.

2172-4900 – Truck Driver Training Fund (K.S.A. 8-267)
Fund Revenue: FY 2027 $63,000 FY 2028 $65,000
Revenue for this fund is generated from a $2 allocation from each commercial driver's license fee. Community colleges and technical colleges offering approved truck-driving courses are eligible to receive funding. In accordance with statute, funds are distributed to qualifying institutions on or before November 1 each year.

2800-2280 – Financial Aid Services Fee Fund
Fund Revenue: FY 2027 $60,000 FY 2028 $65,000
Revenue for this fund is generated from collection charges assessed on delinquent scholarship obligations. The funds support the administration and collection of amounts owed under service scholarship programs when recipients do not fulfill their required service obligations.

2366-2360 – Motorcycle Safety Fund (K.S.A. 8-267)
Fund Revenue (Transfer In): FY 2027 $86,775 FY 2028 $86,775
Revenue for this fund consists of 20% of all fees collected from Class M driver's licenses. The Kansas Department of Education transfers the funds to the Kansas Board of Regents. Community colleges offering approved motorcycle safety courses are eligible to receive funding.

2525-2526 – Retirement Plan Administration
Fund Revenue: FY 2027 $85,000 FY 2028 $85,000
Revenue for this fund is received from TIAA and Voya through administrative fees associated with participant retirement plan accounts. The funds support costs related to retirement plan administration, including committee operations, oversight, compliance, and governance.

2525-2540 – KMI Patterson
Fund Revenue: FY 2026 $130,900 FY 2027 $130,900
Revenue for this fund is received through a grant from the Patterson Family Foundation to support the Kansas Micro-Internship Program. The funds support program administration and help maintain access to short-term, career-building opportunities for students across Kansas.

2610-2614 – Private Postsecondary School Fee Fund

Fund Revenue: FY 2027 $625,000 (plus $52,000 interest) FY 2028 $625,000 (plus $52,000 interest)

Revenue for this fund is generated from fees paid by private postsecondary institutions for initial and renewal certificates of approval, program and site reviews, and related regulatory services. Maximum fee amounts for Kansas-based and out-of-state institutions are established by statute. An institution is classified as Kansas-based if it is chartered, incorporated, or organized under Kansas law and maintains its principal place of business in Kansas. Institutions that do not meet these criteria are classified as out-of-state. Current fee levels are listed below.

Fee Category	Institution or Degree Level	Kansas-Based	Out-of-State
Initial Application Fees	Non-degree-granting institution	$1,000	$3,000
	Degree-granting institution	$2,000	$4,000
Initial Evaluation Fees *In addition to application fees*	Non-degree level	$750	$1,500
	Associate degree level	$1,000	$2,000
	Baccalaureate degree level	$2,000	$3,000
	Master's degree level	$3,000	$4,000
	Professional/doctoral degree level	$4,000	$5,000
Renewal Application Fees	Non-degree-granting institution	2% of gross tuition Min. $500; max. $10,000	3% of gross tuition KS students Min. $1,800; max. $10,000
	Degree-granting institution	2% of gross tuition Min. $1,200; max. $10,000	3% of gross tuition KS students Min. $2,400; max. $10,000
New Program Submission Fees *Per program*	Non-degree	$100	$250
	Associate degree	$250	$500
	Baccalaureate degree	$500	$750
	Master's degree	$750	$1,000
	Professional/doctoral degree	$1,500	$2,000
Branch Campus Site Fees *Per site*	Initial non-degree-granting	$1,000	$3,000
	Initial degree-granting	$2,000	$4,000
Renewal Branch Campus Site Fees *Per site*	Non-degree-granting	2% of gross tuition Min. $500; max. $1,000	3% of gross tuition KS students Min. $1,800; max. $10,000
	Degree-granting	2% of gross tuition Min. $1,000; max. $1,500	3% of gross tuition KS students Min. $2,400; max. $10,000

7. Other Administrative Fees	Initial registration	$200	$350
	Late renewal submission	$500	$500
	Student transcript copy	$10	$10
	Returned check	$50	$50

2857-2857 – Adult Learner Grant
Fund Revenue: FY 2027 $1,000,000 FY 2028 $1,000,000
Revenue for this fund consists of a transfer from the State General Fund to support the Kansas Adult Learner Scholarship Program.

2860-2860 – Kansas Campus Restoration Fund
Fund Revenue: FY 2027 $32,700,000 ($30,000,000 transferred to state universities) FY 2028 $32,700,000
Revenue for this fund consists of a transfer from the State General Fund to support the Kansas Adult Learner Scholarship Program.

Federal Funds
3042-3000, 3010, & 3020 – Adult Basic Education Federal Fund (Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014)
Federal grant funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Education under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act are deposited into this account. The Board administers the grant to support programs that help adults develop literacy, foundational education, and workforce-readiness skills.

3539-3539 – Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Federal Fund (Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, as amended by the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act [Perkins V])
Federal grant funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Education are deposited into this account. The Board administers the grant to strengthen career and technical education programs at Kansas postsecondary institutions and advance workforce readiness and student success.

Trust and Agency Funds
7200 – Faculty of Distinction Program Fund (K.S.A. 76-775)
Fund Revenue (Transfer In): FY 2027 $685,000 FY 2028 $685,000
Funds are transferred annually to the Board to provide state matching support equal to the interest income earned on qualifying gifts designated for endowed professorships through the Faculty of Distinction Program. State universities, Washburn University, and eligible two-year colleges may participate.

Program Goal:
Provide effective and efficient staff support to the Board of Regents and the postsecondary institutions they govern and coordinate. The Administration program comprises the following core objectives:

- Executive management, including legal, communications, governmental relations, and the Kansas Blueprint for Literacy, newly established in FY 2025;
- Academic Affairs, including academic affairs policy work, and regulation of out-of-state, private postsecondary education providers;
- Workforce Development, including work force development policy work, the support of the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority, administration of the federal adult education program, and administration of the federal Carl Perkins program; and
- Finance and Administration, including fiscal and administrative policy work, the distribution of state funding allocated to the 32 public colleges and universities, state university facilities planning, office operations (including information technology), data, research and planning, and the administration of the state's student financial assistance programs.

The core activities of the Board of Regents Office are noted below.

Kansas Higher Education Data System (KHEDS)
1999 Senate Bill 345 charged the Kansas Board of Regents with "collect[ing] and analyz[ing] data and maintain[ing] a uniform postsecondary education data base". (K.S.A. 74-3205d) The Kansas Board of Regents uses this database to fulfill the provision that states that "…the purpose of this act is to provide for the general improvement of postsecondary education in the state of Kansas and to provide leadership, supervision and coordination for postsecondary educational institutions so that enhanced accessibility, quality, excellence, accountability, research and service may be achieved in the postsecondary educational system for Kansas residents through the efficient and effective utilization and concentration of all available resources and the elimination of costly and undesirable duplication in program and course offerings, faculties, and physical facilities at postsecondary educational institutions." (K.S.A. 74-3201a). This database system, called KHEDS (Kansas Higher Education Data System) ensures a common methodology for the collection of data and the analysis of core data for all public postsecondary education. Today the data system houses comprehensive data for the 32 Kansas public institutions with limited data available for the 21 independent non-profit institutions in Kansas and the Haskell Indian Nations University.

KBOR has continued to refine the Kansas Higher Education Data System (KHEDS), most notably in response to legislative actions related to colleges' state aid. Data has been used to report enrollment to the Board, support the Board's strategic agenda, allocate distributions of state funding for community and technical colleges, respond to legislative data requests, create performance metrics, satisfy state and federal reporting requirements, collaborate with Kansas state agencies to populate data dashboards and scorecards, answer research questions, assess the economic impact of System graduates in the Kansas workforce, and answer ad hoc requests for information. Modifications have been made to support the state funding calculations of career and technical education initiatives such as the Excel in Career Technical Education, the Accelerating Opportunities: Kansas, and the GED

Accelerator, and to support research relative to student costs and financing. In January of 2015, KBOR published the first Technical College Data Book from KHEDS data and in January 2016, the first Community College Data Book was published.1 Effective with FY 2027, the information will be consolidated in the KHEStats portal on the agency's website.

The database includes fall census data for postsecondary education and academic year data for postsecondary and adult education. Data repositories contain student demographics, enrollment, courses, course outcomes, transfer information, degree majors and completions, costs, and financing; as well as program and course inventory used to review programs. For purposes approved through agency-specific data governance committees, data is linkable to the KIDS system (Kansas Department of Education data) and the state's employment and wage data (Kansas Department of Labor). Data is also linkable between KBOR's adult education system and KANSASWORKS (the Department of Commerce). These data linkages make possible the information published in the Kansas DegreeStats portal, an interactive online tool that reviews cost and earnings data from actual Kansas graduates.

Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority/Workforce Development

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was established in July 2007 (K.S.A. 74-32,401). The TEA has delegated authority from the Board of Regents for the statewide coordination and supervision of postsecondary technical education, new technical education programs and contract training in coordination with federal and state agencies and Kansas business and industry. The workforce development staff supports the activities of the TEA, coordinates activities identified in the State Plan for Career and Technical Education and administers federal funds coming to Kansas. The mission and vision of the TEA is to drive the advancement of a robust technical education system in Kansas and be a national leader of technical education by developing a highly prepared Kansas workforce.

The Technical Education Authority goals for 2026-2027 had not yet been determined as of the date this document was prepared.

FEDERAL GRANTS/PROGRAMS

Strategy 1: Utilize federal grant funds received to maximize improvements to the statewide career and technical education system;
Strategy 2: Develop a seamless career technical education system for the state utilizing a career pathways approach;
Strategy 3: Align career and technical education programs with business and industry needs;
Strategy 4: Enhance program quality of career and technical education programs;
Strategy 5: Enhance program capacity of career and technical education programs; and
Strategy 6: Utilize performance data to improve career technical education programs and as a basis for strategic decisions.

1 https://kansasregents.gov/data/system_data/higher_education_data_books

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The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-224) provides a federal source of funding to support initiatives and improve career and technical education. Purposes of this law are to:

1. Build on the efforts of states and localities to develop challenging academic and technical standards and to assist students in meeting such standards, including preparation for high skill, high wage, or high-demand occupations in current or emerging occupations.
2. Promote the development of services and activities that integrate rigorous and challenging academic and career and technical instruction, and that link secondary and postsecondary education for participating career and technical education (CTE) students.
3. Increase state and local flexibility in providing services and activities designated to develop, implement, and improve CTE.
4. Conduct and disseminate national research and disseminate information on best practices that improve CTE programs and programs of study, services, and activities.
5. Provide technical assistance that promotes leadership, initial preparation, and professional development at the state and local levels; and improves the quality of CTE teachers, faculty, administrators, and counselors.
6. Support partnerships among secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, baccalaureate degree granting institutions, area CTE schools, local workforce investment boards, business and industry, and intermediaries.
7. Provide individuals with opportunities throughout their lifetimes to develop, in conjunction with other education and training programs, the knowledge and skills needed to keep the United States competitive.
8. Increase the employment opportunities for populations who are chronically unemployed or underemployed, including individuals with disabilities; individuals from economically disadvantaged families; out-of-workforce individuals; youth who are in, or have aged out of, the foster care system; and homeless individuals.

The Kansas State Plan for Career Technical Education was submitted and approved by the U.S. Department of Education to continue federal funding for career and technical education initiatives within the state. Kansas receives approximately $13 million per year in consolidated federal technical education funds. The Board of Regents' share is approximately $6.5 million; the remaining $6.5 million is distributed to the Kansas State Department of Education for elementary and secondary education. Eighty-five percent of the grant must be distributed to local institutions, ten percent must be used to fund state leadership activities, and five percent may be used for administration. All federal administrative funds expended must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the state. The matching funds come from the Board's operating appropriation from the State General Fund.

Adult Education

The goal and objectives identified below are for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) program.

Program Goal:
To provide technical assistance and professional development opportunities to the AEFLA funded adult education programs in Kansas that assist adults in becoming literate and obtaining the knowledge and skills necessary to gain and/or improve employment, to be involved in their children's literacy activities and education, to complete a secondary school credential, and to enter postsecondary education or training programs.

Objectives:
1. Continue to assist local programs identifying and adopting evidence-based instructional strategies and techniques to increase the percentages of learning gains and achievement of learner outcomes.
2. Continue to refine the extensive data collection process, to verify data integrity, to analyze data gathered, and to use quality data for making decisions in the program improvement process.
3. Continue to provide technical assistance to local programs to ensure that staff members have the skills and knowledge necessary to collect and use quality data.
4. Continue to develop and expand working relationships and collaborative partnerships to ensure the maximum impact of limited adult education funding.

Private and Out-of-State Educational Institution Act

The Kansas Board of Regents (Board) is charged with the administration of the Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institution Act, K.S.A. 74-32, 162 et seq. This law, passed in 2004, requires private and out-of-state postsecondary institutions wishing to operate in Kansas to obtain a Board-issued certificate of approval. The law also allows the Board to charge fees to recover the expense of regulation.

The State of Kansas witnessed a steady increase in the number of schools approved by the Board, from 61 schools in 2005 to 221 schools in 2015. However, since 2015, the number of approved schools trended downward. Currently, the Board has 118 approved schools, up from 115 a year ago. In order to track these schools, an application and database system were implemented. The web-based system provides critical information pertinent to financial records, school approvals and renewals, authorized school representatives, and survey results.

Kansas statutes allow the Board to charge fees in connection with the regulation of the private and out-of-state institutions operating in Kansas. These fees are paid by the institutions and are designed to cover the costs of regulation. The fees charged include application processing, review of programs and program changes, and registration of institutional representatives. The Private and Out-of-State Board office staff consider the most recent projections of the number and size of regulated institutions and the agency's operating costs when determining appropriate fees charged to institutions.

Kansas is also part of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) through the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). SARA is an agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offerings of postsecondary

distance education courses and programs. It is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by postsecondary institutions based in another state. SARA is overseen by a National Council and administered by four regional education compacts.

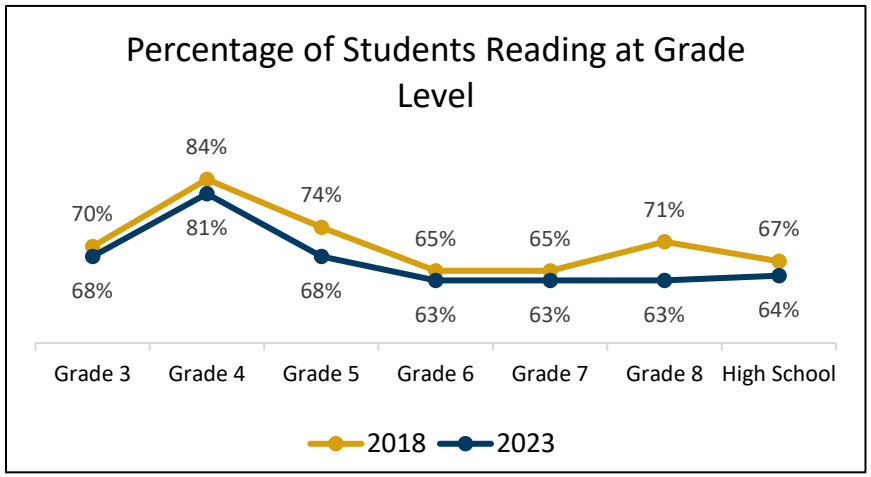
Kansas Blueprint for Literacy Act

2024 Senate Bill 438 created the Kansas Blueprint for Literacy to ensure teachers, both in-service and university teacher candidates, have the tools they need for student success. For elementary and secondary students, their ability to read is fundamental to their success in school. As it is now recognized that the methods used by teachers are not meeting every child's needs, a new course has been charted – not only in how reading is taught at the elementary level but in how universities prepare teachers.

Background

By 2030, Kansas is projected to add 54,000 new jobs, 80% of which will require a bachelor's degree or higher, according to an analysis completed by the Institute for Policy and Social Research (University of Kansas, 2023). At the same time, many Kansans are questioning whether the education systems are preparing students with the knowledge and skills to benefit from these new opportunities. While Kansas has more and more jobs requiring high-skilled workers, performance on reading assessments reveal fewer students are meeting basic levels in literacy. In Kansas, 67% of students were reading at the Basic Level or higher according to the 2023 Kansas Assessment, and 60% of fourth graders were reading at the basic level or higher according to the 2022 National Assessment of Education Progress.

The graph below serves as a baseline for Kansas K-12 students' reading performance prior to the launch of the initiative. In 2023, 81% of Kansas fourth graders were performing at grade level, while in all other grades, only 63% to 68% of students were reading at grade level. Reading scores in 2023 were consistently lower for all grade levels compared to 2018.



2024 SB 438 established a Director of Literacy Education position, and a 25-member Literacy Advisory Committee with representation from the Governor, House and Senate leadership, public universities, community colleges, independent/not-for-profit colleges, the Kansas Board of Education, Kansas Board of Regents, the Kansas National Education Association, and United School Administrators of Kansas, and literacy experts appointed by the Director. The Committee is charged with monitoring progress and designate best practices for literacy training for pre-service and in-service educators and making recommendations to the State Boad of Education and Kansas Board of Regents regarding literacy education and professional learning.

The Board of Regents and State Board of Education collaborated to establish professional learning resulting in a credential in the Science of Reading and Structured Literacy. The goal is for 100% of elementary education workforce to achieve a credential in the Science of Reading and Structured Literacy by 2030. A common performance assessment has been developed to be used by teachers as part of the Science of Reading I and II literacy courses required for all elementary and special education teacher candidates in the public universities pre-service programs. Additionally, the universities conducted a systemwide analysis of literacy courses in all elementary education programs. The results of the analysis were reported to the Advisory Committee and will serve as a critical point of data to inform improvements to the undergraduate literacy courses.

Implementation of the bill requires activities that carry associated costs for the Board Office. The 2024 Legislature appropriated $10.0 million to the Board of Regents for this purpose for FY 2025. Within that appropriation, the Legislature enacted a provision that would have lapsed certain state funding for the state universities if they do not implement two three-credit hour applied Science of Reading I and II courses utilizing the common performance-based assessment for those courses on or before August 2024. The President and CEO for the Board of Regents certified that the six state universities fulfilled the requirements of the provision and no state funding was lapsed in FY 2025.

The first year's focus was on launching the Blueprint, organizing and coordinating with the Literacy Advisory Committee to develop a plan for the Centers of Excellence, working with the public universities' Colleges of Education and literacy experts to develop Foundations in the Science of Reading: Understanding and Applying Structured Literacy Principals I and II graduate courses (Foundations). The courses were jointly approved by the State Board of Education and Kansas Board of Regents. Additionally, the State Board of Education approved Foundations as a Seal of Literacy training program option required for certain educators to renew their teaching license. The courses were launched in March 2025 with a pilot at Washburn University and are now being offered across the seven public universities and four independent colleges. "Foundations" was designed as a high-impact program focused on knowledge, application, and implementation through coaching. The Advisory Committee also finalized the Blueprint for Literacy's strategic plan focused on two imperatives: Invest in Literacy Education and Empower Educators with Skills and Knowledge in Structured Literacy. Specific strategies have been identified to advance literacy preparation and professional learning and are at various stages of implementation.

Although no appropriation was made for FY 2026, $6.2 million reappropriated from FY 2025. In FY 2026, Foundations course delivery for in-service educators will continue with up to 2,000 scholarships and stipends for eligible Kansas educators. A comprehensive review of preparation programs,

development of new courses for education leadership programs, and implementation of the Foundations in the Science of Reading for Paraeducators is underway beginning in the summer of 2025.

FY 2027 planned activities are as follows:

1. Strengthening educator preparation (workforce development).
   - Review the common performance assessment and strengthen Science of Reading I and II undergraduate courses to ensure candidates are skilled at implementing Structured Literacy and evidence-based practices necessary to teach all children to read.
   - Advance Teacher Candidates' skills to apply Structured Literacy in Pre-K through grade six settings by increasing the number of hours required in a literacy focused practicum to align with national standards.
2. Advance In-Service Educator Competencies in the Application of Structured Literacy practices.
   - Provide scholarships and a stipend for 2,000 educators in the amount of $2,300 for qualified educators to complete the Foundations graduate courses and earn the Seal of Literacy. Conduct a comprehensive review of Foundations at least bi-annually to strengthen the course and ensure high-impact on educator skills.
3. Conduct Design-Based Research and Needs Analysis
   Complete year two of a three-year student focused analysis to identify the structures, resources, and supports needed to implement Structured Literacy and evidence-based system with the goal to provide resources and supports resulting in advancing educators skills and improved literacy outcomes for Kansas students.
4. Develop the Kansas Literacy Plan to advance a comprehensive approach to addressing literacy education and achievement in collaboration with the State Board of Education, Kansas Board of Regents, the Kansas Legislature and families. The mission of the comprehensive plan is to provide comprehensive, evidence-based training and ongoing professional learning and support for educators, fostering a deep understanding of the Science of Reading, the principles and practices of Structured Literacy, and provides evidence-based resources and supports to families. The plan will identify goals, strategies, and benchmarks and include five research identified levers to serve as the organizing structure:
   - Educator preparation;
   - High-impact professional learning for in-service educators;
   - Interventions;
   - High quality instructional materials; and
   - Evidence-based resources and supports for families.

Refer to the overview narrative for discussion of the budget enhancement.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

Salaries and Wages

Approved staffing in the Administration program includes 50.0 FTE, encompassing agency staff, Board members' and Technical Education Authority members' compensation. Funding detailed below provides for current pay rates of staff and current rates of appointed officials' daily compensation. The agency reduced staffing levels in FY 2026 as part of a broader effort to align expenditures with available funding. The resulting recurring salary and benefit savings helped address ongoing budget pressures while preserving core services and agency priorities. The agency has reorganized workloads and operations to accommodate the reduced staffing level. FY 2028 includes the 27th paycheck, making employees' compensation appear larger with no pay adjustment. FY 2027 and FY 2028 amounts assume a 2% shrinkage rate.

FY 2027: $6,442,923
FY 2028: $6,686,074

Contractual Services

Contractual services expenses reflect costs for phone and data communications, mail, office rent, and travel for staff, Board members and the Students' Advisory Council established in state statute. Other payments include contracts for professional services, organizational memberships and subscriptions, and professional fee expenditures for consulting and retirement plan administration.

FY 2027: $1,901,908
FY 2028: $2,023,642

Commodities

Expenditures in this category are generally for professional supplies, office and data processing supplies.

FY 2027: $16,022
FY 2028: $17,602

Capital Outlay

Most expenditures from this category are for computers, servers, hardware and software for support of agency functions and, on occasion, expenses for office and meeting room equipment.

FY 2027: $49,592
FY 2028: $54,309

Non-Expense Items

Expenditures in this category are for GED and costs for third party collection of amounts past due from service scholarship recipients.

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	Salaries and Wages	6,460,339	0	6,574,411	0	0	6,822,524
519990	SHRINKAGE	0	(131,488)	(131,488)	(136,450)	0	(136,450)
	TOTAL Salaries and Wages	**6,460,339**	**(131,488)**	**6,442,923**	**(136,450)**	**0**	**6,686,074**
52000	Communication	101,599	114,983	114,983	124,301	0	124,301
52100	Freight and Express	544	0	0	0	0	0
52200	Printing and Advertising	35,764	8,704	8,704	9,575	0	9,575
52300	Rents	802,971	763,208	763,208	891,067	0	891,067
52400	Reparing and Servicing	113,150	0	0	0	0	0
52500	Travel and Subsistence	115,238	278,342	278,342	299,477	0	299,477
52510	InState Travel and Subsistence	20,987	0	0	0	0	0
52520	Out of State Travel and Subsis	36,310	0	0	0	0	0
52600	Fees-other Services	312,315	84,061	84,061	27,157	0	27,157
52700	Fee-Professional Services	628,511	555,998	555,998	571,261	0	571,261
52900	Other Contractual Services	92,496	96,612	96,612	100,804	0	100,804
	TOTAL Contractual Services	**2,259,885**	**1,901,908**	**1,901,908**	**2,023,642**	**0**	**2,023,642**
53200	Food for Human Consumption	4,993	0	0	0	0	0
53500	Vehicle Part Supply Accessory	1,746	1,827	1,827	2,010	0	2,010
53600	Pro Science Supply Material	6,956	7,312	7,312	8,043	0	8,043
53700	Office and Data Supplies	6,522	6,883	6,883	7,549	0	7,549
53900	Other Supplies and Materials	649	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL Commodities	**20,866**	**16,022**	**16,022**	**17,602**	**0**	**17,602**
	TOTAL Capital Outlay	**38,235**	**49,592**	**49,592**	**54,309**	**0**	**54,309**
	SUBTOTAL State Operations	**8,779,325**	**1,836,034**	**8,410,445**	**1,959,103**	**0**	**8,781,627**
55000	Federal Aid Payments	19,363	0	0	0	0	0
55100	State Aid Payments	3,625	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL Aid to Local Governments	**22,988**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
55200	Claims	825	0	0	0	0	0
55500	State Special Grants	13,800	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL Other Assistance	**14,625**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	TOTAL REPORTABLE EXPENDITURES	**8,816,938**	**1,836,034**	**8,410,445**	**1,959,103**	**0**	**8,781,627**
57000	Other Non-expense	46,319	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL Non-Expense Items	**46,319**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**8,863,257**	**1,836,034**	**8,410,445**	**1,959,103**	**0**	**8,781,627**

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1	1000	0103 OPERATING EXP-INCD OFF HOS	4,493,304	0	4,726,190	0	0	4,880,904
1	1000	0190 Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	295,417	0	296,361	0	0	309,258
1	1000	0900 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	31,651	0	0	0	0	0
1	**1000**	**1000 SUBTOTAL for 1000's**	**4,820,372**	**0**	**5,022,551**	**0**	**0**	**5,190,162**
1	2151	2100 GED CREDENTIALS PROCESSING FF	76,606	0	82,009	0	0	85,325
1	**2151**	**2151 SUBTOTAL for 2151's**	**76,606**	**0**	**82,009**	**0**	**0**	**85,325**
1	2525	2522 POSTSECONDARY ED INSTITUTION	0	0	11,259	0	0	11,693
1	2525	2523 STUDENT GROUP HEALTH INS	3,108	0	0	0	0	0
1	2525	2525 2525 ADULT COMPLETION PROJECT	4,945	0	23,501	0	0	13,226
1	2525	2526 RETIREMENT PLAN ADMINISTRATION	10,992	0	24,385	0	0	25,639
1	2525	2530 INNOVATIVE CAREER EDUCATION	33,779	0	0	0	0	0
1	2525	2531 DRP PRIVATE GRANTS CONTRACTS	1,019	0	0	0	0	0
1	2525	2540 KMI Patterson	0	0	43,910	0	0	45,603
1	**2525**	**2525 SUBTOTAL for 2525's**	**53,843**	**0**	**103,055**	**0**	**0**	**96,161**
1	2614	2610 PVT/OUT-ST POSTSEC EDU INST FF	423,015	0	446,807	0	0	470,304
1	**2614**	**2614 SUBTOTAL for 2614's**	**423,015**	**0**	**446,807**	**0**	**0**	**470,304**
1	3042	3010 ABE-ADMINISTRATION	232,619	0	238,711	0	0	250,721
1	3042	3020 ABE-STAFF DEV/DISCRETIONARY	154,929	0	107,147	0	0	112,750
1	**3042**	**3042 SUBTOTAL for 3042's**	**387,548**	**0**	**345,858**	**0**	**0**	**363,471**
1	3539	3539 3539 CAREER/TECHNICAL EDU-BASIC GRT	467,842	0	574,131	0	0	617,101
1	**3539**	**3539 SUBTOTAL for 3539's**	**467,842**	**0**	**574,131**	**0**	**0**	**617,101**
1	3920	3920 3920 USAC E-RATE PRG	231,113	0	0	0	0	0
1	**3920**	**3920 SUBTOTAL for 3920's**	**231,113**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
		1412 TOTAL Salaries and Wages	**6,460,339**	**0**	**6,574,411**	**0**	**0**	**6,822,524**
10	1000	0103 OPERATING EXP-INCD OFF HOS	0	(94,524)	(94,524)	(97,618)	0	(97,618)
10	1000	0190 Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	0	(5,927)	(5,927)	(6,185)	0	(6,185)
10	**1000**	**1000 SUBTOTAL for 1000's**	**0**	**(100,451)**	**(100,451)**	**(103,803)**	**0**	**(103,803)**
10	2151	2100 GED CREDENTIALS PROCESSING FF	0	(1,640)	(1,640)	(1,707)	0	(1,707)
10	**2151**	**2151 SUBTOTAL for 2151's**	**0**	**(1,640)**	**(1,640)**	**(1,707)**	**0**	**(1,707)**
10	2525	2522 POSTSECONDARY ED INSTITUTION	0	(225)	(225)	(234)	0	(234)
10	2525	2525 2525 ADULT COMPLETION PROJECT	0	(470)	(470)	(265)	0	(265)
10	2525	2526 RETIREMENT PLAN ADMINISTRATION	0	(488)	(488)	(513)	0	(513)
10	2525	2540 KMI Patterson	0	(878)	(878)	(912)	0	(912)
10	**2525**	**2525 SUBTOTAL for 2525's**	**0**	**(2,061)**	**(2,061)**	**(1,924)**	**0**	**(1,924)**
10	2614	2610 PVT/OUT-ST POSTSEC EDU INST FF	0	(8,936)	(8,936)	(9,406)	0	(9,406)
10	**2614**	**2614 SUBTOTAL for 2614's**	**0**	**(8,936)**	**(8,936)**	**(9,406)**	**0**	**(9,406)**
10	3042	3010 ABE-ADMINISTRATION	0	(4,774)	(4,774)	(5,014)	0	(5,014)
10	3042	3020 ABE-STAFF DEV/DISCRETIONARY	0	(2,143)	(2,143)	(2,255)	0	(2,255)
10	**3042**	**3042 SUBTOTAL for 3042's**	**0**	**(6,917)**	**(6,917)**	**(7,269)**	**0**	**(7,269)**
10	3539	3539 3539 CAREER/TECHNICAL EDU-BASIC GRT	0	(11,483)	(11,483)	(12,341)	0	(12,341)
10	**3539**	**3539 SUBTOTAL for 3539's**	**0**	**(11,483)**	**(11,483)**	**(12,341)**	**0**	**(12,341)**
		1522 TOTAL Shrinkage	**0**	**(131,488)**	**(131,488)**	**(136,450)**	**0**	**(136,450)**
2	1000	0103 OPERATING EXP-INCD OFF HOS	812,073	739,665	739,665	832,104	0	832,104
2	1000	0190 Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	248,069	703,285	703,285	715,262	0	715,262
2	1000	0900 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	94,126	76,087	76,087	80,241	0	80,241

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2	**1000**	**1000 SUBTOTAL for 1000's**	**1,154,268**	**1,519,037**	**1,519,037**	**1,627,607**	**0**	**1,627,607**
2	2151	2100 GED CREDENTIALS PROCESSING FF	9,850	3,900	3,900	4,290	0	4,290
2	**2151**	**2151 SUBTOTAL for 2151's**	**9,850**	**3,900**	**3,900**	**4,290**	**0**	**4,290**
2	2266	2261 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	382	0	0	0	0	0
2	2266	2262 CAREER & TECH EDUCATION	45	0	0	0	0	0
2	2266	2263 CAREER & TECH EDUCATION	593	0	0	0	0	0
2	**2266**	**2266 SUBTOTAL for 2266's**	**1,020**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
2	2280	2800 FINANCIAL AID SERVICES FF	65,394	0	0	0	0	0
2	**2280**	**2280 SUBTOTAL for 2280's**	**65,394**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
2	2525	2522 POSTSECONDARY ED INSTITUTION	101,936	0	0	0	0	0
2	2525	2525 2525 ADULT COMPLETION PROJECT	48,662	0	0	0	0	0
2	2525	2526 RETIREMENT PLAN ADMINISTRATION	71,418	600	600	600	0	600
2	2525	2527 COLLABORATIVE MILITARY CREDIT	2,446	0	0	0	0	0
2	2525	2529 WORKFORCE INNOVATION	3,731	0	0	0	0	0
2	2525	2530 INNOVATIVE CAREER EDUCATION	16,890	0	0	0	0	0
2	2525	2532 MHEC OER PROJECT	5,475	0	0	0	0	0
2	2525	2535 Rural Talent Lab ARRC	4,653	0	0	0	0	0
2	2525	2536 Fair Chance to Advance Program	1,551	0	0	0	0	0
2	**2525**	**2525 SUBTOTAL for 2525's**	**256,762**	**600**	**600**	**600**	**0**	**600**
2	2614	2610 PVT/OUT-ST POSTSEC EDU INST FF	339,496	131,336	131,336	132,413	0	132,413
2	**2614**	**2614 SUBTOTAL for 2614's**	**339,496**	**131,336**	**131,336**	**132,413**	**0**	**132,413**
2	3042	3010 ABE-ADMINISTRATION	32,081	7,407	7,407	7,611	0	7,611
2	3042	3020 ABE-STAFF DEV/DISCRETIONARY	181,595	153,176	153,176	158,100	0	158,100
2	**3042**	**3042 SUBTOTAL for 3042's**	**213,676**	**160,583**	**160,583**	**165,711**	**0**	**165,711**
2	3539	3539 3539 CAREER/TECHNICAL EDU-BASIC GRT	102,654	86,452	86,452	93,021	0	93,021
2	**3539**	**3539 SUBTOTAL for 3539's**	**102,654**	**86,452**	**86,452**	**93,021**	**0**	**93,021**
2	3920	3920 3920 USAC E-RATE PRG	116,765	0	0	0	0	0
2	**3920**	**3920 SUBTOTAL for 3920's**	**116,765**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
		1742 TOTAL Contractual Services	**2,259,885**	**1,901,908**	**1,901,908**	**2,023,642**	**0**	**2,023,642**
3	1000	0103 OPERATING EXP-INCD OFF HOS	5,777	7,861	7,861	8,624	0	8,624
3	1000	0190 Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	398	0	0	0	0	0
3	**1000**	**1000 SUBTOTAL for 1000's**	**6,175**	**7,861**	**7,861**	**8,624**	**0**	**8,624**
3	2151	2100 GED CREDENTIALS PROCESSING FF	47	0	0	0	0	0
3	**2151**	**2151 SUBTOTAL for 2151's**	**47**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
3	2266	2262 CAREER & TECH EDUCATION	4,912	0	0	0	0	0
3	**2266**	**2266 SUBTOTAL for 2266's**	**4,912**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
3	2525	2522 POSTSECONDARY ED INSTITUTION	125	0	0	0	0	0
3	2525	2530 INNOVATIVE CAREER EDUCATION	3	0	0	0	0	0
3	2525	2535 Rural Talent Lab ARRC	19	0	0	0	0	0
3	**2525**	**2525 SUBTOTAL for 2525's**	**147**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
3	2614	2610 PVT/OUT-ST POSTSEC EDU INST FF	629	118	118	130	0	130
3	**2614**	**2614 SUBTOTAL for 2614's**	**629**	**118**	**118**	**130**	**0**	**130**
3	3042	3010 ABE-ADMINISTRATION	1,078	110	110	121	0	121
3	3042	3020 ABE-STAFF DEV/DISCRETIONARY	6,980	7,679	7,679	8,447	0	8,447
3	**3042**	**3042 SUBTOTAL for 3042's**	**8,058**	**7,789**	**7,789**	**8,568**	**0**	**8,568**

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3	3539	3539 3539 CAREER/TECHNICAL EDU-BASIC GRT	444	254	254	280	0	280
3	**3539**	**3539 SUBTOTAL for 3539's**	**444**	**254**	**254**	**280**	**0**	**280**
3	3920	3920 3920 USAC E-RATE PRG	454	0	0	0	0	0
3	**3920**	**3920 SUBTOTAL for 3920's**	**454**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
		1862 TOTAL Commodities	**20,866**	**16,022**	**16,022**	**17,602**	**0**	**17,602**
4	1000	0103 OPERATING EXP-INCD OFF HOS	5,177	37,787	37,787	41,566	0	41,566
4	1000	0190 Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	2,045	2,423	2,423	2,423	0	2,423
4	**1000**	**1000 SUBTOTAL for 1000's**	**7,222**	**40,210**	**40,210**	**43,989**	**0**	**43,989**
4	2614	2610 PVT/OUT-ST POSTSEC EDU INST FF	4,090	5,283	5,283	5,811	0	5,811
4	**2614**	**2614 SUBTOTAL for 2614's**	**4,090**	**5,283**	**5,283**	**5,811**	**0**	**5,811**
4	3042	3010 ABE-ADMINISTRATION	2,045	2,689	2,689	2,958	0	2,958
4	**3042**	**3042 SUBTOTAL for 3042's**	**2,045**	**2,689**	**2,689**	**2,958**	**0**	**2,958**
4	3539	3539 3539 CAREER/TECHNICAL EDU-BASIC GRT	1,022	1,410	1,410	1,551	0	1,551
4	**3539**	**3539 SUBTOTAL for 3539's**	**1,022**	**1,410**	**1,410**	**1,551**	**0**	**1,551**
4	3920	3920 3920 USAC E-RATE PRG	23,856	0	0	0	0	0
4	**3920**	**3920 SUBTOTAL for 3920's**	**23,856**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
		1922 TOTAL Capital Outlay	**38,235**	**49,592**	**49,592**	**54,309**	**0**	**54,309**
8	2525	2537 Strong Start to Finish Grant	3,625	0	0	0	0	0
8	**2525**	**2525 SUBTOTAL for 2525's**	**3,625**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
8	3042	3020 ABE-STAFF DEV/DISCRETIONARY	19,363	0	0	0	0	0
8	**3042**	**3042 SUBTOTAL for 3042's**	**19,363**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
		1942 TOTAL Aid to Locals	**22,988**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
9	1000	0190 Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	9,900	0	0	0	0	0
9	**1000**	**1000 SUBTOTAL for 1000's**	**9,900**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
9	2525	2525 2525 ADULT COMPLETION PROJECT	3,900	0	0	0	0	0
9	2525	2537 Strong Start to Finish Grant	825	0	0	0	0	0
9	**2525**	**2525 SUBTOTAL for 2525's**	**4,725**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
		1972 TOTAL Other Assistance	**14,625**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
92	2433	3200 CONVERSION OF MAT & EQUP FD	12,681	0	0	0	0	0
92	**2433**	**2433 SUBTOTAL for 2433's**	**12,681**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
92	3920	3920 3920 USAC E-RATE PRG	33,638	0	0	0	0	0
92	**3920**	**3920 SUBTOTAL for 3920's**	**33,638**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
		1992 TOTAL Non-Expense Items	**46,319**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
		1992 TOTAL All Funds	**8,863,257**	**1,836,034**	**8,410,445**	**1,959,103**	**0**	**8,781,627**

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0103	OPERATING EXP-INCD OFF HOS	5,316,331	690,789	5,416,979	784,676	0	5,665,580
0190	Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	555,829	699,781	996,142	711,500	0	1,020,758
0900	ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	125,777	76,087	76,087	80,241	0	80,241
1000	**SUBTOTAL STATE GENERAL FUND**	**5,997,937**	**1,466,657**	**6,489,208**	**1,576,417**	**0**	**6,766,579**
2100	GED CREDENTIALS PROCESSING FF	86,503	2,260	84,269	2,583	0	87,908
2151	**SUBTOTAL GED CREDENTIALS PROCESSING FF**	**86,503**	**2,260**	**84,269**	**2,583**	**0**	**87,908**
2261	ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	382	0	0	0	0	0
2262	CAREER & TECH EDUCATION	4,957	0	0	0	0	0
2263	CAREER & TECH EDUCATION	593	0	0	0	0	0
2266	**SUBTOTAL INSERVICE EDU WORKSHOP FF**	**5,932**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
2800	FINANCIAL AID SERVICES FF	65,394	0	0	0	0	0
2280	**SUBTOTAL FINANCIAL AID SERVICES FF**	**65,394**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
3200	CONVERSION OF MAT & EQUP FD	12,681	0	0	0	0	0
2433	**SUBTOTAL CONVERSION OF MAT & EQUP FD**	**12,681**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
2522	POSTSECONDARY ED INSTITUTION	102,061	(225)	11,034	(234)	0	11,459
2523	STUDENT GROUP HEALTH INS	3,108	0	0	0	0	0
2525	ADULT COMPLETION PROJECT	57,507	(470)	23,031	(265)	0	12,961
2526	RETIREMENT PLAN ADMINISTRATION	82,410	112	24,497	87	0	25,726
2527	COLLABORATIVE MILITARY CREDIT	2,446	0	0	0	0	0
2529	WORKFORCE INNOVATION	3,731	0	0	0	0	0
2530	INNOVATIVE CAREER EDUCATION	50,672	0	0	0	0	0
2531	DRP PRIVATE GRANTS CONTRACTS	1,019	0	0	0	0	0
2532	MHEC OER PROJECT	5,475	0	0	0	0	0
2535	Rural Talent Lab ARRC	4,672	0	0	0	0	0
2536	Fair Chance to Advance Program	1,551	0	0	0	0	0
2537	Strong Start to Finish Grant	4,450	0	0	0	0	0
2540	KMI Patterson	0	(878)	43,032	(912)	0	44,691
2525	**SUBTOTAL GRANTS FD**	**319,102**	**(1,461)**	**101,594**	**(1,324)**	**0**	**94,837**
2610	PVT/OUT-ST POSTSEC EDU INST FF	767,230	127,801	574,608	128,948	0	599,252
2614	**SUBTOTAL PVT/OUT-ST POSTSEC EDU INST FF**	**767,230**	**127,801**	**574,608**	**128,948**	**0**	**599,252**
3010	ABE-ADMINISTRATION	267,823	5,432	244,143	5,676	0	256,397
3020	ABE-STAFF DEV/DISCRETIONARY	362,867	158,712	265,859	164,292	0	277,042
3042	**SUBTOTAL 84.002-ADULT EDU-BASIC GRT**	**630,690**	**164,144**	**510,002**	**169,968**	**0**	**533,439**
3539	CAREER/TECHNICAL EDU-BASIC GRT	571,962	76,633	650,764	82,511	0	699,612
3539	**SUBTOTAL 84.048-CAREER/TECH EDU-BSC GRT**	**571,962**	**76,633**	**650,764**	**82,511**	**0**	**699,612**

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3920	USAC E-RATE PRG	405,826	0	0	0	0	0
3920	**SUBTOTAL 99.014-USAC E-RATE PRG**	**405,826**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
2362	**TOTAL MEANS OF FUNDING**	**8,863,257**	**1,836,034**	**8,410,445**	**1,959,103**	**0**	**8,781,627**

This program includes appropriations the Board distributes to 32 public postsecondary institutions, state universities, community colleges, technical colleges, and Washburn University, as well as new State General Fund (SGF) enhancements for the system, individual sectors, or specific institutions. Each state university receives its SGF base appropriation directly as a state agency, outside the Board's budget. Funds appropriated to the Board for the governed institutions are distributed to Washburn University and its Institute of Technology, 19 community colleges, and 6 technical colleges.

The Higher Education Coordination Act directs the Kansas Board of Regents to "serve as the representative of the public postsecondary educational system before the Governor and the Kansas Legislature" (K.S.A. 74-3202c(b)(2)). This statute supports a unified, systemwide approach to seeking and advocating for increased state funding for Kansas public postsecondary education.

Important Principles of the Unified State Appropriation Requests

- All new funding is subject to the Board's statutory performance agreement process, by which institutions demonstrate movement on implementing high impact practices to support the Board's goal of improving student outcomes.
- The public postsecondary education system continuously engages in the reporting of meaningful, uniform financial and performance data to provide the basis for demonstrating accountability; measuring the adequacy of funding; and developing data which portray the financial condition of each sector/institution in a relevant manner.
- The Board advocates for the system before the Governor and Legislature emphasizing the following themes:
    - Kansas public higher education is a system of 32 institutions representing a collective $5.2 billion enterprise, financed through a mix of state, local, student, federal, and private revenue sources. While state support represents less than one-fourth of total revenues for the system, that support is a critical component for: ensuring access to a postsecondary credential is affordable to Kansans; leveraging other funding sources; as well as financing those activities not likely to garner interest from donors.
    - The Kansas higher education system is a major engine of economic growth, both as an educator of the workforce and as an employer. Failure to adequately sustain it will ultimately limit the economic potential of Kansas.
    - Although State General Fund support represents less than one-fourth of the total funding for the system, those revenues are nevertheless a critical component for leveraging other funding sources.
- The Kansas public higher education system is committed to affordability, attainment and workforce goals that ensure the state's higher education system meets the needs of Kansans and Kansas.

State Universities' Operating Grants/Tuition Ownership

Since FY 2003, the Board of Regents, Governor and Legislature have used a budget model called the operating grant/tuition ownership model, under which each university receives operating appropriations from the State General Fund (the SGF base is appropriated to the individual university and new SGF may be appropriated to the Board or directly to the university) and the universities retain ownership of and accountability for its tuition revenue. Upon the Board's approval of tuition rates, each university assesses, collects, and spends the tuition for the operation of the campus budget.

Federal Carl D. Perkins Grant

The Carl D. Perkins Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), P.L. 115-224, was signed into law in July 2018. Together with the Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270), it provides federal funding to support and improve career and technical education. The program's purposes are to:

- Build on state and local efforts to develop rigorous academic and technical standards that prepare students for high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations in current or emerging fields.
- Integrate rigorous academic and career technical instruction and connect secondary and postsecondary education.
- Increase state flexibility in providing services and activities.
- Conduct and share national research and best practices that improve career and technical education programs.
- Provide professional development and technical assistance to improve career and technical education programs.
- Strengthen state and local leadership, preparation, and professional development for CTE teachers, faculty, administrators, and counselors.
- Support partnerships among secondary schools, postsecondary and baccalaureate institutions, local workforce investment boards, and business and industry.
- Help individuals gain the knowledge and skills needed to keep the United States competitive.
- Expand employment opportunities for chronically unemployed or underemployed populations, including individuals with disabilities, those from economically disadvantaged families, people outside the workforce, current and former foster youth, and individuals experiencing homelessness.

Of the grant, 85 percent must be distributed to local institutions, 10 percent used for state leadership activities, and up to 5 percent used for administration, with the state matching administrative expenditures dollar for dollar.

FY 2027: $13,000,000, with $6,500,000 to the Board of Regents and $6,500,000 to the Kansas State Department of Education
FY 2028: $13,000,000, with $6,500,000 to the Board of Regents and $6,500,000 to the Kansas State Department of Education

Subprogram Name	Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	Yes.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,405, et seq.
Purpose	To provide funding for approved postsecondary career and technical programs across the state. To accept and implement the federal provisions and benefits of the Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.
Consequences of Not Funding	A reduction in the trained workforce demanded by Kansas employers.

Federal Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Program
Kansas has an estimated 152,000 working-age residents without a high school credential and 100,000 residents with limited English proficiency. The U.S. Department of Education has traditionally awarded formula funds to states with approved plans to help adults gain literacy, employment, self-sufficiency, higher education, and English-language skills. Administration of the program is moving from the U.S. Department of Education to the U.S. Department of Labor to streamline federal workforce development programs, including core Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act programs.

The Board of Regents administers Kansas Adult Education funding through competitive grants to local programs operating at approximately 50 locations statewide. Services include basic skills instruction; GED preparation and testing; English-language acquisition; integrated education and training; transitions to postsecondary education and training; citizenship skills; and family and workplace literacy. To receive federal formula funding, the state must provide a nonfederal contribution equal to at least 25 percent of total adult education and literacy expenditures.

FY 2026: $4,658,697 Federal Funds / $1,567,031 State General Fund
FY 2027: $4,387,144 Federal Funds / $1,567,031 State General Fund
FY 2028 $4,499,885 Federal Funds / $1,567,031 State General Fund

Subprogram Name	Adult Education
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	Yes.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,253, et seq.
Purpose	To provide funding for approved adult education programs across the state. To implement the provisions and benefits of the federal law relating to adult basic education programs.
Consequences of Not Funding	A reduction in the trained workforce demanded by Kansas employers.

Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)
The Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) is the centerpiece of federal efforts to extend science and engineering (S&E) research and education benefits to all states and regions. States historically receiving a disproportionately low per capita share of federal research funding may apply so their taxpayers do not subsidize research concentrated elsewhere. EPSCoR also strengthens designated states' competitiveness for federal and private-sector research and development funding, while success in merit review helps scientists compete in federal agencies' regular research programs.

The Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) promotes university-industry partnerships and sustainable science and

technology infrastructure in states historically receiving a disproportionately low per capita share of federal research funding. The Legislature provides matching funds for EPSCoR and companion programs and assigns their oversight to the Kansas Board of Regents, which assumed this responsibility in FY 2012 after the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC) was dissolved.

Kansas may participate in active EPSCoR and EPSCoR-like competitions offered by the Department of Energy (DOE), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Institutes of Health (NIH) Institutional Development Awards (IDeA), and National Science Foundation (NSF). Kansas is also eligible for currently inactive Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Defense competitions.

The Board appoints a seven-member EPSCoR Program Review Committee: five industry and academia representatives and two *ex officio* members appointed by the Department of Commerce and Kansas Board of Regents. The Committee reviews proposals and Kansas research and development priorities and recommends projects for state matching funds. The Board awards funds to strengthen the state's science and technology infrastructure and human capital and support national and global competitiveness.

FY 2026: $993,265 State General Fund (was previously Economic Development Initiatives Fund)
FY 2027: $993,265 State General Fund
FY 2028: $993,265 State General Fund

Subprogram Name	Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	Kansas is designated as an EPSCoR state. These are matching funds to federal research dollars.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-8127
Purpose	A federal program that encourages university partnerships with industry. The program is designed to stimulate sustainable science and technology infrastructure improvements in states that historically have received a disproportionately low per-capita average of federal research dollars.
Consequences of Not Funding	Less research support available to the state universities.

Kansas Safety Fund
The Kansas Safety Fund was established under K.S.A. 8-267 and 8-272 to distribute driver's license fee revenue annually to community colleges offering approved motorcycle safety courses and to commercial driver's license (CDL) training programs at community and technical colleges. Funds are distributed based on the number of students who complete the programs and pass licensure examinations.
Motorcycle Safety Fund: FY 2027 $86,775 FY 2028 $86,775
Truck Driving Training Fund: FY 2027 $65,206 FY 2028 $65,206

Subprogram Name	Motorcycle Safety Program Fund & Truck Driving Training Fund
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 8-272
Purpose	To provide state funding for approved motorcycle safety training programs and approved truck driver training programs at eligible community colleges and technical colleges.
Consequences of Not Funding	Greater costs for students taking motorcycle safety and truck driver training classes. Licensed commercial truck drivers are in heavy demand by employers.

Postsecondary Tiered Technical Education State Aid and Non-Tiered Course Credit Hour Grants 2011 SB 143 created a new postsecondary technical education formula which became effective July 1, 2011. The heart of the formula is the instructional cost model that calculates costs at a course level and recognizes the cost differential in delivering technical education courses. The state funding process includes updating the rates per the instructional cost model, utilizing the prior year's credit hour enrollment data by student and course (Fall, Spring, Summer), and calculating the adjustment in financing that accounts for an off-set for colleges with local appropriations that help finance in-district credit hours.
KSA 74-32,468 provides that each technical college and KSA 71-620 provides that each community college is eligible for a grant from the State General Fund for non-tiered course credit hours, in an amount determined by the Board of Regents after dialogue with college presidents.

Postsecondary Tiered Technical Education State Aid
FY 2026: $66,453,525
FY 2027: $71,731,166
FY 2028: $75,664,166 *estimated*

Non-Tiered Course Credit Hour Grants
FY 2026: $88,361,538
FY 2027: $91,972,880
FY 2028: $96,939,880 *estimated*

The Board of Regents' budget appeal in November will incorporate a precise enhancement for the amount necessary to fully fund the state's cost for its share for the instructional cost model calculations using FY 2026 enrollments, with colleges' data certified as of September 4, 2026, to be distributed in FY 2028).

Subprogram Name	Postsecondary Tiered Technical Education & Non-Tiered Course Credit Hour Grants
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 71-1801, 74-32,468, 71-620

Purpose	To provide state funding to community colleges and technical colleges.
Consequences of Not Funding	Potential increased tuition costs for community college and technical college students and increased mill levies in community college districts.

Career Technical Education Capital Outlay Aid Distribution

2011 SB 143 directs that capital outlay aid be distributed to the six technical colleges, nine of the community colleges with merged technical schools, and Washburn Institute of Technology. Career Technical Education Capital Outlay Aid, according to the statute, is to be distributed to the institutions based on need and the condition of existing facilities and equipment. The total funding for capital outlay aid saw a significant increase for FY 2023. Previously, capital outlay aid had to be spent within the fiscal year in which it was distributed, but to assist institutions with funding larger equipment purchases and capital projects, a carryover allowance by the institution of up to three years was implemented beginning with FY 2019. By proviso, the Legislature had historically required a 50 percent local match of state funds, and this was increased to a $1:$1 match in the FY 2026 and FY 2027 appropriations bill when all two-year institutions were designated as eligible for the state aid. With the $5.0 million reduction to the allocation for this program, it is assumed that only those institutions designated in statute will be eligible – how the appropriation bill is written will dictate how the funding is administered.

FY 2026: $12,419,311
FY 2027: $12,419,311
FY 2028: $7,419,311 allocated +$5,000,000 enhancement

Subprogram Name	Career Technical Education Capital Outlay Aid
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,413
Purpose	For the construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing and equipping of buildings, architectural expenses, acquisition of buildings and building sites, and acquisition of equipment of technical colleges and eligible community colleges.
Consequences of Not Funding	Reduced ability by eligible colleges to address capital outlay needs on their campuses.

Excel in Career Technical Education (CTE) Initiative

With enactment of 2012 Senate Bill 155, Kansas launched the Excel in CTE Initiative as a strategic effort to enhance career and technical education in Kansas and prepare high school students for postsecondary education and workforce opportunities. Through this initiative, Kansas high school students have benefited from state-funded college tuition for approved technical courses offered by the 26 Kansas community and technical colleges.

The program has resulted in notable growth in postsecondary CTE programs.

Funding has been provided to pay the tuition for high school students enrolled in a postsecondary CTE course/program at any public community college or technical college in the state. Participating high school students earn college credit. Student response to the initiative has grown over the years, where total appropriations each year for this purpose were $13.25 million in 2013 to $46.55 million in FY 2026 plus a $6.2 million supplemental, but which was reduced to $36.55 million in FY 2027 and new eligibility limitations were added. Postsecondary career technical education has experienced significant growth in the number of students participating in technical courses, the college credit hours generated, and credentials earned by students in high school since the inception of the initiative in 2012. Prior to FY 2027, $500,000 was set aside for the Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AOK) program from within the appropriation.

Academic Year	2011	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Participating Headcount	3,475	10,275	10,023	10,600	11,690	13,675	13,934	12,529	13,712	15,624	16,242	17,638	11,489
College Credit Hours	28,000	76,756	79,488	85,150	92,092	105,084	109,227	98,681	105,510	115,517	126,856	139,764	108,816
Credentials Earned	--	1,682	1,224	1,459	1,420	1,803	1,631	981	1,656	1,636	1,418	TBD	TBD

FY 2027 Distributions
The distributions provided to the colleges for Excel in CTE reflects the proposed proration methodology requested by the colleges and adopted by the TEA on May 28, 2026. This scenario excludes high school students who do not meet the following criteria in accordance with the budget proviso, legislative intent, and TEA action:

- Be a junior or senior.
- Have a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Have completed at least one-half of the credits required for high school graduation.
- Not have previously failed the same or substantially the same CTE course.
- Not have failed two CTE courses.
- Took technical courses eligible for the Promise Act Scholarship (e.g., diesel technology, healthcare and welding, for example).

FY 2027 & FY 2028: Refer to agency overview for description of supplemental request.

Subprogram Name	Excel in Career Technical Education
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 72-3810

Purpose	To enhance career technical education in Kansas and better prepare high school students for college and careers. Kansas high school students qualify for state-funded college tuition in approved technical courses offered by Kansas technical and community colleges.
Consequences of Not Funding	A reduction in the trained workforce demanded by Kansas employers.

Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K to Work)
Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K to Work) launched in 2012 with a three-year, $1.6 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and six other philanthropies. AO-K combines career technical education and adult basic skills instruction within a career pathways framework. The initiative partners the Board of Regents' workforce and adult education programs with the Kansas Department of Commerce, community and technical colleges, other state agencies, and local workforce development boards.

KBOR later received grants to develop customized training programs branded Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas at Work (AO-K @ Work). Delivered with retail and service-sector employers, these programs address employer and employee needs through staff development and support retention of a more skilled workforce. The Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AOK) program supports adults without a high school diploma or GED who enroll in tiered technical courses in approved pathways. Beginning in FY 2027, AOK received a direct appropriation.

FY 2026: $500,000 (from Tuition for Technical Education appropriation via proviso) FY 2027: $500,000 FY 2028: $500,000

Subprogram Name	Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AOK)
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,267
Purpose	Payment of technical education tuition for AOK students who are enrolled while obtaining a high school equivalency.
Consequences of Not Funding	Less funding to help adult students earn a high school equivalency and postsecondary technical credential.

GED Accelerator
K.S.A. 74-32,434 designated an appropriation for a "postsecondary education performance-based incentives fund" (GED Accelerator) to begin July 1, 2014. GED Accelerator provides $500 for GED certificates and $1,000 for qualified CTE credentials earned by students who are concurrently pursuing both. It also provides $170 per individual to institutions to pay for the cost of the GED® Test.

Academic Year	Number of GED Tests	Number of CTE Credentials Earned
2014-2015	54	87
2015-2016	85	112
2016-2017	116	96
2017-2018	95	113
2018-2019	87	73
2019-2020	73	56
2020-2021	66	48
2021-2022	65	26
2022-2023	79	40
2023-2024	82	57

No funding has been received for the program in FY 2026, FY 2027, & FY 2028.

Subprogram Name	GED Accelerator
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	74-32,434
Purpose	The GED Accelerator awards community and technical colleges with performance funding for students who concurrently earn a GED and an approved postsecondary credential.
Consequences of Not Funding	A reduction in the trained workforce demanded by Kansas employers.

Technology Grant Distribution

Funding for technology grants at the community colleges and Washburn University was traditionally $398,475. The appropriation authorized the Board to make such grants for purchase of technology equipment, in accordance with guidelines the Board establishes. Such guidelines provided that grant funds be used for the purchase of instructional technology equipment only and that a 50 percent local match shall be provided. No appropriation was made for FY 2026 and no funding is in the Board's allocation for FY 2027.

No funding for the program in FY 2027, & FY 2028. Historically has been funded at $398,475 from the State General Fund.

Subprogram Name	Technology Equipment Grant – Community College and Washburn University
Required by Statute	No.

Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	Proviso language on appropriation line.
Purpose	To purchase technology equipment at community colleges and Washburn University.
Consequences of Not Funding	Reduced ability by eligible colleges to address technology equipment needs on their campuses.

State Technology Innovation and Internship Program

K.S.A. 74-32,430 established the Kansas Technology Innovation and Internship grant program which is administered by the Board. The funding is awarded to institutions on a competitive basis. Grant funds provide start-up support for innovative technical courses or programs in emerging technologies, manufacturing or areas of skill shortages as well as paid internships for technical faculty to work in business and industry or enable individuals from business and industry to work in a technical program at a postsecondary institution. Conditions for participation in this program require (1) support from private business (financial and/or in-kind) equaling 100% of the amount requested in the grant application, (2) the technical course must be new to Kansas or not offered within 100 miles of the institution, and (3) the technical course or program must be related to a business or industry located within the service area of the institution.

No funding for the program in FY 2027, & FY 2028. Historically has been funded at $179,284 from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund.

Subprogram Name	State Technology Innovation and Internship Program
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,430
Purpose	To provide grants to career technical education institutions for start-up support for innovative technical courses or programs in emerging technologies, manufacturing or areas of skill shortages; or internships to enable faculty of the career technical education institutions to work in an industrial setting or to enable industrial employees to work in an educational setting at such career technical education institutions.
Consequences of Not Funding	Programs offered by two-year colleges would not keep up with emerging industry trends and there would be a reduction in the trained workforce demanded by Kansas employers.

Kansas Micro-Internships Project Grants

The Kansas Micro-Internship program supports the Kansas Board of Regents' "Building a Future" strategic plan and the Kansas Department of Commerce's aim to "connect businesses, job seekers, educational institutions and training providers to ensure the state's workforce is equipped to meet industry needs and to help create economic success for Kansas." Funding for the KMI program has been provided by the DeBruce Foundation

and the Strada Education Foundation.

Micro-Internships are short-term, paid, professional assignments in business analytics, communications, finance, human resources, information technology, marketing, research, social media, and many other areas. These projects can be completed remotely year-round and typically range from ten to 40 hours of work.

FY 2027: $128,032 FY 2028: $133,768

Subprogram Name	Kansas Micro-Internships Project Grants
Required by Statute	No
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None
Statutory Requirements	None
Purpose	Connect businesses, job seekers, educational institutions, and training providers t
Consequences of Not Funding	A reduction in the trained workforce demanded by Kansas employers.

Community College and Technical College Competitive Grants – Jobs and Innovative Industry Skills Training (JIIST)
Passed by the Legislature in 2015 and in each subsequent appropriations bill until FY 2026, H. Sub for S.B. 112, Section 142(e), Jobs and Innovative Industry Skills Training (JIIST) provides funds for the two-year sector colleges as a cost reimbursement grant through a competitive process. The purpose of JIIST is to 1) provide innovative programs with private companies in Kansas needing specific skills; and 2) provide for other industry training needs that cannot be addressed with current funding streams. Strategic industries include rural development and agriculture, energy and natural resources, manufacturing (aerospace and general professional), scientific and technical services, and biosciences. The target for these funds is high growth, high wage, and higher skilled occupations with higher-than-average job vacancy or projected growth rates. KBOR partners with the Kansas Department of Commerce who administers the competitive grant program.

No funding for the program in FY 2027, & FY 2028. Historically was funded at $500,000 from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund.

Subprogram Name	Community College and Technical College Competitive Grants
Required by Statute	No.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	None.
Purpose	Develop innovative programs with private companies needing specific job skills or to meet industry need.

Consequences of Not Funding	Fewer trained employees in industry needed areas.

University Engineering Initiative Act (UEIA)

Recognizing the need for an increase in the number of engineering graduates in Kansas, beginning in 2012 the Legislature provided an annual appropriation of $10.5 million to Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, and Wichita State University to ensure engineering industry partners find the new talent, designs, and techniques needed to fuel economic growth and business success in Kansas. Each university is matching this legislative investment, dollar for dollar, resulting in $315.0 million directed towards the education of engineers in Kansas (15 years X $10.5 million X 2 with match funds). The fund is distributed annually by the Department of Commerce with annual reporting submitted by each university.

Academic Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Engineering Students Enrolled	6,572	7,012	7,638	7,992	8,220	8,449	8,372	8,280	8,271	7,844	7,671	7,467	7,681	8,039
Engineering Students Graduated	1,029	1,017	1,134	1,165	1,285	1,348	1,565	1,496	1,698	1,606	1,498	1,424	1,440	1,450

Subprogram Name	University Engineering Initiative Act
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 76-7,136, et seq.
Purpose	To provide state funding to increase the number of engineering graduates in Kansas.
Consequences of Not Funding	A reduction in engineering graduates in Kansas.

State Nursing Initiative

In 2005, the Legislature asked the Board of Regents to identify the resources and timeline needed to increase Kansas nursing education capacity by 25 percent, including up to 250 additional admissions annually. The resulting Nursing Shortage Report identified needs for nurse educator scholarships, faculty support, supplies, equipment, and facilities. In 2006, the Legislature provided $3.4 million for faculty scholarships, salaries, supplies, and one-time equipment and facility upgrades. Ongoing faculty support and supply grants are competitively awarded to public and private postsecondary nursing programs, require institutional matching funds, and focus on student and faculty retention and success. In 2008, the Legislature added $100,000 to expand private nursing programs; the funds were awarded to four approved private institutions for additional faculty.

Annual grants support program quality and success at public universities, community and technical colleges, and private institutions. Programs must hold Kansas Board of Nursing approval and national accreditation; have a three-year average National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) score at or above the national average; and document an RN-to-BSN, BSN-to-MSN, or MSN-to-DNP articulation pathway. Annual awards allow programs to address gaps and qualify in later years. A portion of funding supports alternate applications from programs seeking national accreditation or improvement of NCLEX scores to the national average.

FY 2027: $3,787,193 FY 2028: $3,787,193

Subprogram Name	Kansas Nursing Initiative
Required by Statute	No.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	Proviso language gives guidance on eligible expenditures.
Purpose	The Kansas Nursing Initiative was developed to address the growing nursing shortage in the state.
Consequences of Not Funding	A reduction in the trained workforce demanded by Kansas employers.

Teacher Education Competitive Grant Program
Established by 2007 House Bill 2185, the Kansas Teacher Education Competitive Grant Program (KTECGP) increases licensed teachers in hard-to-fill disciplines and underserved areas. The Kansas Board of Regents administers competitive grants available to the six state universities and Washburn University to create or expand teacher education programs. Institutions must provide $1 for every $2 awarded. Funding is contingent on availability in the Teacher Service Scholarship Program, which supports students pursuing Kansas teaching careers. Awards totaled $816,854 in FY 2025 and $650,000 in FY 2026.

FY 2027 & FY 2028 amounts are to be determined.

Subprogram Name	Teacher Education Competitive Grant Program
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	74-32,107b
Purpose	To establish or expand a teacher education program at a public university in Kansas. Programs target increasing the number of students who complete a course of instruction leading to licensure as a teacher in a hard-to-fill teaching discipline or who agree to teach in an underserved area.
Consequences of Not Funding	A reduction in the educator workforce when there are shortages state-wide.

Municipal Operating Grant
Washburn University receives a state grant to support the current operating expenses.

FY 2027: $17,570,000 FY 2028: $17,570,000

Subprogram Name	Municipal University Operating Grant
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 13-13a43
Purpose	To provide state funding for Washburn University.
Consequences of Not Funding	Potential increased tuition costs for students and increased taxes within Washburn University's taxing district.

Washburn University Student Aid for Financial Need
Starting in FY 2026, Washburn University receives a state allocation for financial aid for students with need.

FY 2026: $1,989,025 FY 2027: $1,989,025 FY 2028: $1,989,025 FY 2029:$1,989,025

Subprogram Name	Washburn Student Financial Aid
Required by Statute	No
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	None
Purpose	To provide state funding to Washburn University for student financial aid.
Consequences of Not Funding	Less financial aid available to Kansas students with financial need attending Washburn University.

Regents Distinguished Professorship Program
Since 1964, the Board of Regents Distinguished Professorship program has provided supplemental financial resources to enable the Regents research Universities to attract academic faculty whose capabilities enhance economic development in this state through major contributions to the field of knowledge. Each Research University has one Regents Distinguished Professor which is reserved for those select few individuals who, by virtue of exceptional academic scholarship and professional service, have been recognized as remarkable talents in their respective fields. The expense is covered from within the Board of Regents' operating expenditure appropriation.

FY 2027: $63,000 FY 2028: $63,000

Subprogram Name	Regents Distinguished Professorship Program

Required by Statute	No.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	The program has existed since 1964.
Purpose	To attract to and retain in Kansas established scholars at state universities whose research projects augment the State's economic and industrial development.
Consequences of Not Funding	Less ability to attract and retain recognized leaders in academic and research fields for professor positions.

Kansas Partnership for Faculty of Distinction Program
The Kansas Partnership for Faculty of Distinction Program is established to encourage major gifts by private donors to enhance the ability of eligible educational institutions to attract and retain faculty of distinction. The Board of Regents will administer the program in accordance with statutes and in a manner that optimizes the benefits to the institutions from private monies committed to this program. The state will contribute income earnings equivalent awards, as defined in statutes, to supplement endowed professorships or faculty positions at eligible educational institutions for which qualifying endowment associations have received gifts.

FY 2027: $523,419 for Two-Year Institutions & Washburn FY 2028: $535,000 for Two-Year Institutions & Washburn

Subprogram Name	Kansas Partnership for Faculty of Distinction Program
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 76-773, et seq.
Purpose	To encourage gifts by private donors to enhance the ability of eligible educational institutions to attract and retain faculty of distinction.
Consequences of Not Funding	Less funding and ability of universities, community colleges and technical colleges to attract and retain endowed professorships.

Midwestern Higher Education Commission
The Midwestern Higher Education Commission (MHEC) currently has 12 member states. Member dues finance the costs of the Commission's office, staff, and travel expenses to Commission meetings. Benefits from participation in the Commission include: (1) promoting a cooperative educational relationship among the states; (2) promoting a more seamless educational environment for students; and (3) savings to institutions in member states.

FY 2027: $115,000 FY 2028: $115,000

Subprogram Name	Midwestern Higher Education Commission
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,264
Purpose	To provide greater higher education opportunities and services in the Midwestern region, with the aim of furthering regional access to, research in and choice of higher education for the citizens residing in the several states which are parties to the Compact.
Consequences of Not Funding	Reduced access and services provided to Kansans and postsecondary education institutions.

Technical Colleges Operating Grants
FY 2025: $10,500,000 FY 2026: $7,000,000 FY 2027: $7,000,000 FY 2028: $7,000,000
See agency overview narrative on enhancements.

Subprogram Name	Technical Colleges Operating Grants
Required by Statute	K.S.A. 74-32,470
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	None.
Purpose	"All expenditures from the Kansas technical college operating grant fund shall be for instruction and operations to meet target objectives established by the postsecondary technical education authority for each technical college's region and the entire state."
Consequences of Not Funding	The technical colleges will be hindered in meeting their regions' workforce needs with new program offerings.

ENHANCEMENT PACKAGES – Postsecondary Education
Refer to the agency overview for information related to the Board's enhancement requests for higher education.

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52900	Other Contractual Services	115,000	115,000	115,000	115,000	0	115,000
	TOTAL Contractual Services	**115,000**	**115,000**	**115,000**	**115,000**	**0**	**115,000**
	SUBTOTAL State Operations	**115,000**	**115,000**	**115,000**	**115,000**	**0**	**115,000**
55000	Federal Aid Payments	10,076,844	9,763,697	9,763,697	9,813,222	0	9,813,222
55100	State Aid Payments	274,834,714	266,288,247	274,115,755	235,049,418	44,700,000	279,749,418
	TOTAL Aid to Local Governments	**284,911,558**	**276,051,944**	**283,879,452**	**244,862,640**	**44,700,000**	**289,562,640**
55200	Claims	2,786,524	2,877,193	2,877,193	2,877,193	46,500,000	49,377,193
55500	State Special Grants	230,333	160,000	160,000	164,077	0	164,077
	TOTAL Other Assistance	**3,016,857**	**3,037,193**	**3,037,193**	**3,041,270**	**46,500,000**	**49,541,270**
	TOTAL Capital Improvements	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	TOTAL REPORTABLE EXPENDITURES	**288,043,415**	**279,204,137**	**287,031,645**	**248,018,910**	**91,200,000**	**339,218,910**
77300	Transfers	182,320	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL Non-Expense Items	**182,320**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**288,225,735**	**279,204,137**	**287,031,645**	**248,018,910**	**91,200,000**	**339,218,910**

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2	1000	0250 MIDWEST HIGHED ED COMMISSION	115,000	115,000	115,000	115,000	0	115,000
2	**1000**	**1000 SUBTOTAL for 1000's**	**115,000**	**115,000**	**115,000**	**115,000**	**0**	**115,000**
		1082 TOTAL Contractual Services	**115,000**	**115,000**	**115,000**	**115,000**	**0**	**115,000**
5	2860	2860 2860 KS CAMPUS RESTORATION FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	**2860**	**2860 SUBTOTAL for 2860's**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
5	8001	8108 EIBF-DISABLT ACT/FIRE CMP/IMPR	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	**8001**	**8001 SUBTOTAL for 8001's**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
		1102 TOTAL Capital Improvements	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
8	1000	0120 Tech Ed Tuition	53,529,184	36,629,655	44,457,163	36,550,000	5,000,000	41,550,000
8	1000	0130 Two Yr Coll Apprentice Act	11,311,053	14,300,000	14,300,000	0	14,300,000	14,300,000
8	1000	0140 NISS academic playbook	634,000	0	0	0	0	0
8	1000	0150 Technical colleges operating grants	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	7,000,000	7,000,000
8	1000	0190 Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
8	1000	0210 2YR College Stud Success Init	8,305,321	0	0	0	0	0
8	1000	0310 VOCATIONAL ED CAP OUTLAY AID	12,419,311	12,419,311	12,419,311	7,419,311	5,000,000	12,419,311
8	1000	0350 WU Student Aid for Financial Need	1,784,260	1,784,260	1,784,260	1,989,025	0	1,989,025
8	1000	0370 EPSCOR	949,127	944,138	944,138	943,265	0	943,265
8	1000	0380 Two-Year College Student Investment	0	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0	0
8	1000	0390 Tuition for Accel Opps Kansas GED Accel	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	500,000
8	1000	0550 NON-TIERED COURSE CR HR GRANT	88,361,538	91,972,880	91,972,880	91,972,880	4,967,000	96,939,880
8	1000	0580 Need based Aid Scholarship & Recruitment	204,765	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0	0
8	1000	0760 POST-SEC TIER TECH EDU ST AID	66,453,525	71,731,166	71,731,166	71,731,166	3,933,000	75,664,166
8	1000	0770 POSTSECONDARY ED OPERATING GRT	0	0	0	0	4,500,000	4,500,000
8	1000	0800 TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	100,000	0	0	0	0	0
8	1000	0900 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	1,381,760	1,550,437	1,550,437	1,486,790	0	1,486,790
8	1000	1010 MUNICIPAL UNIV OPERATING GRANT	17,570,000	17,570,000	17,570,000	17,570,000	0	17,570,000
8	1000	4130 NURSNG FACLTY & SUPPLS GRT PRG	1,573,056	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	1,500,000
8	**1000**	**1000 SUBTOTAL for 1000's**	**271,577,900**	**262,901,847**	**270,729,355**	**231,662,437**	**44,700,000**	**276,362,437**
8	2172	4900 TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING FD	60,395	65,206	65,206	65,206	0	65,206
8	**2172**	**2172 SUBTOTAL for 2172's**	**60,395**	**65,206**	**65,206**	**65,206**	**0**	**65,206**
8	2366	2360 MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FD	86,775	86,775	86,775	86,775	0	86,775
8	**2366**	**2366 SUBTOTAL for 2366's**	**86,775**	**86,775**	**86,775**	**86,775**	**0**	**86,775**
8	2860	2860 2860 KS CAMPUS RESTORATION FUND	2,493,450	2,700,000	2,700,000	2,700,000	0	2,700,000
8	**2860**	**2860 SUBTOTAL for 2860's**	**2,493,450**	**2,700,000**	**2,700,000**	**2,700,000**	**0**	**2,700,000**
8	3042	3000 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FDF	4,079,347	3,877,142	3,877,142	3,966,446	0	3,966,446
8	**3042**	**3042 SUBTOTAL for 3042's**	**4,079,347**	**3,877,142**	**3,877,142**	**3,966,446**	**0**	**3,966,446**
8	3539	3539 3539 CAREER/TECHNICAL EDU-BASIC GRT	5,997,497	5,886,555	5,886,555	5,846,776	0	5,846,776
8	**3539**	**3539 SUBTOTAL for 3539's**	**5,997,497**	**5,886,555**	**5,886,555**	**5,846,776**	**0**	**5,846,776**
8	7200	7050 FACULTY OF DISTICTION PRG FD	616,194	534,419	534,419	535,000	0	535,000
8	**7200**	**7200 SUBTOTAL for 7200's**	**616,194**	**534,419**	**534,419**	**535,000**	**0**	**535,000**
		1352 TOTAL Aid to Locals	**284,911,558**	**276,051,944**	**283,879,452**	**244,862,640**	**44,700,000**	**289,562,640**
9	1000	0103 OPERATING EXP-INCD OFF HOS	21,000	0	0	0	0	0
9	1000	0130 Two Yr Coll Apprentice Act	21,000	0	0	0	0	0
9	1000	0190 Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	(20,653)	0	0	0	0	0
9	1000	0370 EPSCOR	43,265	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
9	1000	0770 POSTSECONDARY ED OPERATING GRT	0	0	0	0	46,500,000	46,500,000

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9	1000	0800 TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	0	540,000
9	1000	4130 NURSNG FACLTY & SUPPLS GRT PRG	2,223,912	2,287,193	2,287,193	2,287,193	0	2,287,193
9	**1000**	**1000 SUBTOTAL for 1000's**	**2,828,524**	**2,877,193**	**2,877,193**	**2,877,193**	**46,500,000**	**49,377,193**
9	2525	2525 2525 ADULT COMPLETION PROJECT	137,333	0	0	0	0	0
9	2525	2530 INNOVATIVE CAREER EDUCATION	51,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	75,000
9	2525	2540 KMI Patterson	0	85,000	85,000	89,077	0	89,077
9	**2525**	**2525 SUBTOTAL for 2525's**	**188,333**	**160,000**	**160,000**	**164,077**	**0**	**164,077**
		1452 TOTAL Other Assistance	**3,016,857**	**3,037,193**	**3,037,193**	**3,041,270**	**46,500,000**	**49,541,270**
92	3539	3539 3539 CAREER/TECHNICAL EDU-BASIC GRT	182,320	0	0	0	0	0
92	**3539**	**3539 SUBTOTAL for 3539's**	**182,320**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
		1462 TOTAL Non-Expense Items	**182,320**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
		1462 TOTAL All Funds	**288,225,735**	**279,204,137**	**287,031,645**	**248,018,910**	**91,200,000**	**339,218,910**

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0103	OPERATING EXP-INCD OFF HOS	21,000	0	0	0	0	0
0120	Tech Ed Tuition	53,529,184	36,629,655	44,457,163	36,550,000	5,000,000	41,550,000
0130	Two Yr Coll Apprentice Act	11,332,053	14,300,000	14,300,000	0	14,300,000	14,300,000
0140	NISS academic playbook	634,000	0	0	0	0	0
0150	Technical colleges operating grants	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	7,000,000	7,000,000
0190	Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	(19,653)	0	0	0	0	0
0210	2YR College Stud Success Init	8,305,321	0	0	0	0	0
0250	MIDWEST HIGHED ED COMMISSION	115,000	115,000	115,000	115,000	0	115,000
0310	VOCATIONAL ED CAP OUTLAY AID	12,419,311	12,419,311	12,419,311	7,419,311	5,000,000	12,419,311
0350	WU Student Aid for Financial Need	1,784,260	1,784,260	1,784,260	1,989,025	0	1,989,025
0370	EPSCOR	992,392	994,138	994,138	993,265	0	993,265
0380	Two-Year College Student Investment	0	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0	0
0390	Tuition for Accel Opps Kansas GED Accel	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	500,000
0550	NON-TIERED COURSE CR HR GRANT	88,361,538	91,972,880	91,972,880	91,972,880	4,967,000	96,939,880
0580	Need based Aid Scholarship & Recruitment	204,765	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0	0
0760	POST-SEC TIER TECH EDU ST AID	66,453,525	71,731,166	71,731,166	71,731,166	3,933,000	75,664,166
0770	POSTSECONDARY ED OPERATING GRT	0	0	0	0	51,000,000	51,000,000
0800	TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	640,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	0	540,000
0900	ADULT BASIC EDUCATION	1,381,760	1,550,437	1,550,437	1,486,790	0	1,486,790
1010	MUNICIPAL UNIV OPERATING GRANT	17,570,000	17,570,000	17,570,000	17,570,000	0	17,570,000
4130	NURSNG FACLTY & SUPPLS GRT PRG	3,796,968	3,787,193	3,787,193	3,787,193	0	3,787,193
1000	**SUBTOTAL STATE GENERAL FUND**	**274,521,424**	**265,894,040**	**273,721,548**	**234,654,630**	**91,200,000**	**325,854,630**
4900	TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING FD	60,395	65,206	65,206	65,206	0	65,206
2172	**SUBTOTAL TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING FD**	**60,395**	**65,206**	**65,206**	**65,206**	**0**	**65,206**
2360	MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FD	86,775	86,775	86,775	86,775	0	86,775
2366	**SUBTOTAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FD**	**86,775**	**86,775**	**86,775**	**86,775**	**0**	**86,775**
2525	ADULT COMPLETION PROJECT	137,333	0	0	0	0	0
2530	INNOVATIVE CAREER EDUCATION	51,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	75,000
2540	KMI Patterson	0	85,000	85,000	89,077	0	89,077
2525	**SUBTOTAL GRANTS FD**	**188,333**	**160,000**	**160,000**	**164,077**	**0**	**164,077**
2860	KS CAMPUS RESTORATION FUND	2,493,450	2,700,000	2,700,000	2,700,000	0	2,700,000
2860	**SUBTOTAL Kansas Campus Restoration Fund**	**2,493,450**	**2,700,000**	**2,700,000**	**2,700,000**	**0**	**2,700,000**
3000	ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FDF	4,079,347	3,877,142	3,877,142	3,966,446	0	3,966,446
3042	**SUBTOTAL 84.002-ADULT EDU-BASIC GRT**	**4,079,347**	**3,877,142**	**3,877,142**	**3,966,446**	**0**	**3,966,446**
3539	CAREER/TECHNICAL EDU-BASIC GRT	6,179,817	5,886,555	5,886,555	5,846,776	0	5,846,776
3539	**SUBTOTAL 84.048-CAREER/TECH EDU-BSC GRT**	**6,179,817**	**5,886,555**	**5,886,555**	**5,846,776**	**0**	**5,846,776**
7050	FACULTY OF DISTICTION PRG FD	616,194	534,419	534,419	535,000	0	535,000
7200	**SUBTOTAL FACULTY OF DISTICTION PRG FD**	**616,194**	**534,419**	**534,419**	**535,000**	**0**	**535,000**

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8108	EIBF-DISABLT ACT/FIRE CMP/IMPR	0	0	0	0	0	0
8001	**SUBTOTAL EDUCATIONAL BUILDING FUND**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
1810	**TOTAL MEANS OF FUNDING**	**288,225,735**	**279,204,137**	**287,031,645**	**248,018,910**	**91,200,000**	**339,218,910**

NARRATIVE INFORMATION -- DA 400

DIVISION OF THE BUDGET
STATE OF KANSAS

AGENCY NAME: KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
AGENCY--SUBAGENCY CODES: 561-00 FUNCTION NO. 03
PROGRAM TITLE AND CODE: Student Financial Assistance - 41400

PROGRAM GOAL:
Administer student financial aid programs on behalf of the State of Kansas efficiently and effectively, in accordance with statutes, regulations, policies and procedures.

OBJECTIVE # 1
Continue providing quality service to customers, including students, families, and participating institutions, by processing awards and distributing aid in an efficient and professional manner.

Strategies for Objective # 1:
1. Continue streamlining the automatic processing of student financial aid applications.
2. Continue streamlining the process of importing federal aid data from the U.S. Department of Education.
3. In concert with the online application for the student financial aid programs, streamline submission of supporting documentation by students and provide more information to students via the online application.

OBJECTIVE # 2
Ongoing review of all financial aid programs to determine their effectiveness.

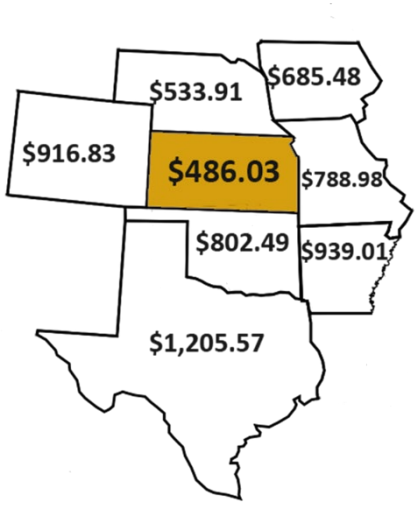
Strategies for Objective # 2:
1. Continue to examine the effectiveness of the state's student aid programs and recommend improvements.
2. Based on the evaluation of the programs' structure, implement internal procedural changes, or recommend statutory changes to improve the structure of the programs.

Performance Measures for Objective #2

MEASURE	TIMELINE
Complete the evaluation of the programs.	November 2026
Recommend statutory changes that improve the programs.	November 2026
Implement enacted changes.	July 2027

Student Financial Assistance

Summary: As of FY 2027, the Board of Regents has responsibility for administration of 21 student financial assistance programs totaling $71.6 million in state funding. As recently as FY 2019, state funding totaled only $23.1 million. As the cost to attend postsecondary institutions in Kansas increased and with adoption of the Board's strategic plan with a primary focus on student affordability, the Board began advocating for enhancing the state's investment in student financial assistance.



By one measure, Kansas ranked 36th among the 50 states for state financial aid per FTE student in FY 2025[1], an improvement from 46th in 2021. However, the most recent publication from the National Association of State Student Grant & Aid Programs (NASSGAP) shows that Kansas continues to compare unfavorably to regional states in the level of state support offered to undergraduate students on an FTE basis as of FY 2024 and noted in the regional map on this page[2]. The average of the region without Kansas was $838.90, or 72.6 percent higher than Kansas.

On the following page is a trend table of appropriations for the student financial aid programs administered by the agency from FY 2019 through the agency's request for FY 2029 (one additional year for planning purposes). The programs are awarded based on financial need or academic merit, with ten of the programs carrying a service requirement that requires staff time to monitor each student's adherence to service agreements over a multi-year timeline. Information on each program is noted in this section of the budget narrative.

[1] State Higher Education Finance (SHEF) Annual Report, Figure 3.3, 2025.
[2] NASSGAP Survey Report, Table 12, State Support for Student Financial Aid per Undergraduate FTE Student, 55th Annual Survey, 2023-2024.

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State General Fund Appropriations
Student Financial Assistance Programs Administered by Kansas Board of Regents

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Approved FY 2027	Approved FY 2028	Requested FY 2029
Kansas Comprehensive Grant †	15,758,338	16,258,338	16,258,338	24,258,338	35,258,338	35,258,338	40,258,338	40,258,338	40,258,338	40,258,338	40,258,338
State Scholarship †	1,003,985	1,035,919	1,035,919	1,035,919	1,035,919	3,035,919	1,035,919	1,035,919	1,035,919	1,035,919	1,035,919
Military Service Scholarship	485,403	500,314	500,314	500,314	500,314	500,314	500,314	500,314	500,314	500,314	500,314
Tuition Waivers (Hero's Scholarship) †	77,202	134,657	134,657	350,000	500,000	1,200,000	2,200,000	2,950,000	2,950,000	2,950,000	2,950,000
Kansas Education Opportunity Grant †	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,996,498	1,996,498	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,700,000
Career Work-Study Program	528,174	546,813	546,813	546,813	546,813	546,813	546,813	546,813	546,813	546,813	546,813
Governor's Scholarship	--	--	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Subtotal - Grant Aid Programs	**$17,853,102**	**$18,476,041**	**$18,496,041**	**$26,711,384**	**$37,861,384**	**$40,561,384**	**$46,557,882**	**$47,307,882**	**$47,011,384**	**$47,011,384**	**$47,011,384**
Promise Act Scholarship †	--	--	--	--	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Adult Learner Grant †‡*	--	--	--	--	--	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
National Guard Tuition Assistance †	2,685,434	3,000,434	3,000,434	4,400,000	5,400,000	5,400,000	5,400,000	5,400,000	5,400,000	5,400,000	5,400,000
National Guard EMERGE Scholarship †	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,100,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
ROTC Service Scholarship	171,607	175,335	175,335	175,335	175,335	175,335	175,335	175,335	175,335	175,335	175,335
Teacher Service Scholarship †	1,397,913	1,547,023	1,547,023	1,547,023	3,094,046	3,094,046	3,094,046	3,094,046	3,094,046	3,094,046	3,094,046
Nursing Service Scholarship †	342,700	417,255	417,255	417,255	417,255	417,255	1,417,255	1,417,255	1,417,255	1,417,255	1,417,255
Nurse Educator Grant †	162,032	188,126	188,126	188,126	188,126	188,126	188,126	188,126	188,126	188,126	188,126
Optometry Education Program	107,089	107,089	107,089	107,089	107,089	107,089	107,089	107,089	107,089	107,089	107,089
Osteopathic Service Scholarship	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,200,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Subtotal - Service Scholarships	**$4,866,775**	**$5,435,262**	**$5,435,262**	**$6,834,828**	**$19,381,851**	**$20,381,851**	**$24,681,851**	**$24,581,851**	**$24,581,851**	**$24,581,851**	**$24,581,851**
Suspended/Repealed Programs											
Ethnic Minority Scholarship †#	296,498	296,498	296,498	296,498	296,498	296,498	--	--	--	--	--
Career Technical Education Workforce	114,075	114,075	114,075	114,075	114,075	114,075	114,075	--	--	--	--
Computer Science Preservice Ed Grant	--	--	--	--	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	--	--	--	--
Total - All Aid Programs	**$23,130,450**	**$24,321,876**	**$24,341,876**	**$33,956,785**	**$58,653,808**	**$62,353,808**	**$72,353,808**	**$71,889,733**	**$71,593,235**	**$71,593,235**	**$71,593,235**

†*Students attending private nonprofit institutions are eligible for awards.*

†*Students attending private nonprofit institutions or* ‡ *private nonprofit institutions exclusively offering competency-based programs are eligible for awards.*

Program was repealed by 2024 Legislature and replaced by Kansas Education Opportunity Grant.

* *Financed by a transfer from the State General Fund in lieu of an appropriation.*

KANSAS COMPREHENSIVE GRANT

Purpose of Program

The Kansas Board of Regents administers the Kansas Comprehensive Grant Program (KCG), a state grant program created in 1998 by merging three separate grant programs to address the needs of Kansas students. By statute, the program has a five-member advisory committee with financial aid directors from two state universities, one from Washburn University and two from the private non-profit institutions. Students must be undergraduate Kansas residents with no previous baccalaureate degree, enrolled full-time, submit the federal student financial aid application and meet satisfactory academic progress in their college-level courses for KCG renewal.

Program Description and Mechanics

The Board distributes the KCG appropriation among the eligible institutions and the institutions' financial aid staff awards individual grants tailored to each student's financial need. In the following year, institutions submit data about KCG awards to the Board of Regents with a certification that the institutional match requirement was met. For the FY 2023 appropriation, schools had to have a $1 to $1 match for a portion of their funds, totaling $19.0 million. Beginning in FY 2024, schools match the total state allocation on a $1 to $1 basis. If the match threshold is not met, funds are returned to the Board Office for redistribution to other eligible institutions. For FY 2025 through FY 2028, the Legislature has appropriated $40.3 million. The Legislature has also enacted a provision that requires 50.0 percent of the state funding be allocated to the private independent institutions and 50.0 percent to the public universities.

FY 2027: $40,258,338 with institutional match of $40,258,338
FY 2028: $40,258,338 with institutional match of $40,258,338
FY 2029: $40,258,338 with institutional match of $40,258,338

Subprogram Name	Kansas Comprehensive Grant Program
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	Institutions must match their allocation on a $1:$1 basis or return unmatched monies.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,120, et seq.
Purpose	A program created to provide assistance to students with financial need, in recognition that the provision of higher education who have the desire and ability to obtain a postsecondary education is an important public purpose.
Consequences of Not Funding	A lower college going rate for Kansans, reducing employers' future opportunities to recruit a qualified workforce, resulting in less capacity for economic growth in Kansas.

KANSAS STATE SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose of Program

This program is designed to assist designated State Scholars who have financial need and who plan to be full-time students enrolled at an accredited Kansas institution, public or private. Awards are based on the principle that students with high academic achievement should be able to attend their Kansas school of choice without undue regard for the cost of any specific institution. This program is funded through a State General Fund appropriation.

Program Description and Mechanics

The program provides an annual maximum individual grant of $1,000 to designated high school seniors or students currently enrolled in one of Kansas' post-secondary institutions. Students are designated scholars based on completing the Kansas Scholars Curriculum in high school and an index number utilizing the ACT Composite Score and the cumulative high school GPA measured at the end of the seventh semester. Recipients must be undergraduate Kansas residents with no previous baccalaureate degree, enrolled full-time and have submitted the federal student financial aid application and the state application. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 college GPA measured at the end of each spring semester.

FY 2027: $1,010,919 ($2,058,418 with reappropriation)
FY 2028: $1,010,919
FY 2029: $1,010,919

Subprogram Name	Kansas State Scholarship
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,233
Purpose	This program is designed to assist designated State Scholars with financial need who plan to be full-time students enrolled at an accredited Kansas institution. Awards are based on the principle that students with high academic achievement should attend their Kansas school of choice without undue regard for the cost of any specific institution.
Consequences of Not Funding	A lower college going rate for Kansans, reducing employers' future opportunities to recruit a qualified workforce, resulting in less capacity for economic growth in Kansas.

KANSAS DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose of Program

Created to encourage Brasenose, Chevening, Fulbright, Madison, Marshall, Mellon, Rhodes and Truman scholars from Kansas to continue graduate studies at Kansas public universities. A Kansas distinguished scholarship may be awarded to any qualified distinguished Kansas scholar enrolled full time in a specified degree program at any state educational institution.

Program Description and Mechanics

The program provides full tuition and fees for each semester until the requirements of the educational program in which the scholar is enrolled are completed. The payment is made from within the State Scholarship appropriation.

FY 2027: up to $25,000
FY 2028: up to $25,000
FY 2029: up to $25,000

Subprogram Name	Kansas Distinguished Scholarship
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-3278, et seq.
Purpose	This program recognizes those graduate-level students earning designation as specified scholars: Brasenose scholar, Chevening scholar, Fulbright scholar, Madison fellow, Marshall scholar, Mellon fellow, Rhodes scholar or Truman scholar.
Consequences of Not Funding	Highly talented Kansas graduate students pursuing their studies in other states.

MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose of Program

During the 2007 Legislative Session, the Kansas Military Service Scholarship was established by appropriation proviso to assist individuals who had served after September 11, 2001, in military service in international waters or on foreign soil in support of military operations for at least 90 days in any military operation for which the person received hostile fire pay. During the 2008 Legislative Session, this program was written into substantive law.

Program Description and Mechanics

The scholarship is for payment of tuition and fees at eligible institutions which include technical colleges, community colleges, the municipal university, and state educational institutions.

FY 2027: $500,314 ($907,166 with reappropriation)
FY 2028: $500,314
FY 2029: $500,314

Subprogram Name	Military Service Scholarship Program
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,227
Purpose	To assist individuals who had served after September 11, 2001, in the military service in international waters or on foreign soil in support of military operations for at least 90 days in any military operation for which the person received hostile fire pay.
Consequences of Not Funding	Less financial aid available to Kansas veterans attending higher education institutions.

TUITION WAIVERS:
Hero's Scholarship Program
Purpose of Program
The Hero's Scholarship Tuition Waiver was most recently amended by the 2024 Legislature.

Program Description and Mechanics
Any person defined in the Act, as described below, are not charged tuition or fees for up to ten semesters of undergraduate study at any Kansas public educational institution. Eligibility is not retroactive but can begin during the current semester for which a qualified applicant has met the application deadline.

A. Any eligible dependent or spouse of a public safety officer who:
   (i) Was injured or disabled while performing duties as a public safety officer; or
   (ii) died *as the result of* injury sustained while performing duties as a public safety officer;
B. Any dependent or spouse of any resident of Kansas who:
   (i) Died or was injured or disabled, while, *and as a result of*, serving in military service; or
   (ii) is entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability of at least 80% because of a public statute administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
C. Any prisoner of war.

K.S.A. 75-4364 defines "injured or disabled" in the following manner:
…the covered person, because of the injury or disability, has been rendered incapable of performing the duties of the following:

- The position being performed at the time the injury or disability was sustained; and
- any position that is at or above the pay level of the position the covered person was in at the time the injury or disability was sustained, if the covered person is a paid employee.

For a military servicemember who dies while serving in the military, their death must have been caused by their military service. If the servicemember was injured and/or disabled while serving in the military, there has to either be a connection between the injury/disability and combat service, and have caused the servicemember to not be able to continue service at or above that position at that time or the injury/disability has to be rated 80% or higher by the VA.

Individuals Wrongfully Convicted & Imprisoned
Individuals certified by a court to have been wrongfully convicted and imprisoned upon filing of a civil action under K.S.A. 60-5004 are eligible for tuition assistance under K.S.A. 74-32,195. This assistance can include tuition, fees, room and board, technical equipment, and course-required books.

FY 2027: $2,950,000 ($3,553,271 with reappropriation and transfer)
FY 2028: $2,950,000
FY 2029: $2,950,000

Subprogram Name	Tuition Waivers
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 75-4364 – Hero's Act Scholarship K.S.A. 74-32,195 – Wrongfully Convicted and Imprisoned Individuals
Purpose	To provide tuition and fee waivers for persons specified in statute.
Consequences of Not Funding	Creation of the program has established an expectation among military and first responder families that this benefit will be available.

Statutory waiver not administered by KBOR:
Kansas statutes (K.S.A. 32, 161 and 75-53,111 et seq.) also provide an opportunity for foster care children (1) in the custody of the Secretary of the Kansas Department for Children and Families and in a foster care placement ; at age 18; or (2) released from custody of the Secretary prior to their 18th birthday, after having graduated from high school or having completed their General Educational Development (GED) while in foster care placement and in the custody of the Secretary or (3) adopted from foster care on or after the age of 16; or (4) left foster care placement on or after age16 subject to guardianship under chapter 38 or 59 of the Kansas Statutes, to enroll in Kansas educational institutions without payment of tuition and required fees. The student is responsible for other charges associated with the student's academic program and living costs, such as books and room and board. The applicant may be eligible for assistance for other costs of higher education through the Department for Children & Families. This program provides for undergraduate enrollment of eligible applicants through the semester when the student attains 23 years of age.

KANSAS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose of Program

In 2024 SB 438, a new scholarship was created to serve first generation students (neither parent completed a bachelor's degree) as well as students whose parent is employed as a teacher or paraprofessional for grades pre-K through 12. To be eligible for a Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship, the bill requires the student to be a resident of Kansas; have been accepted for admission to or is enrolled full-time at an eligible institution (a public institution of higher education or a private nonprofit institution); have established financial need; and make satisfactory academic progress during their college enrollment.

Program Description and Mechanics

The amount of the award is capped at 75.0 percent of the average amount of the total tuition and required fees of full-time, in-state students at which the recipient enrolled and may be renewed for up to eight semesters, or ten for designated programs.

FY 2027: $1,700,000 ($4,596,638 with reappropriation)
FY 2028 $1,700,000
FY 2029: $1,700,000

Subprogram Name	Education Opportunity Scholarship
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-3284, et seq.
Purpose	To support first generation Kansans in their postsecondary studies and dependents of elementary and secondary Kansas teachers.
Consequences of Not Funding	A lower college going rate for Kansans, reducing employers' future opportunities to recruit a qualified workforce, resulting in less capacity for economic growth in Kansas.

KANSAS CAREER WORK-STUDY

Purpose of Program

To assist Kansas employers by providing work experiences to Kansas residents enrolled at a public university. The program is funded through a combination of State General Fund appropriations and employer funds.

Program Description and Mechanics

The 1994 Legislature merged the Kansas Career Work-Study and the Youth Education Services Programs for efficiency and flexibility purposes. The program provides at least one-half of a student's wage to be paid by the employer and up to one-half to be paid by the institution using funds from the Kansas Work Study program. Students work about 15-20 hours per week and are encouraged to work in a job that is directly related to their field of study. The Board of Regents staff, based on enrollment patterns and funding from the Federal College Work Study program, allocates funds among the institutions. The pay range is generally between $7.25 and $17.00 per hour and the hours worked per week range from one to 40. A portion of the state funds is earmarked for students providing tutoring services to elementary and secondary students at school sites. Schools are not required to match the state funds for tutoring service expenditures. The employer share will be approximately $500,000.

FY 2027: $546,813
FY 2028: $546,813
FY 2029: $546,813

Subprogram Name	Kansas Career Work-Study Program
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-3274
Purpose	The program consists of a career component and a youth education services component. The purpose of the career component is to promote, stimulate and assist in the part-time employment of eligible students in jobs or positions of service that will complement and enhance the educational preparation of such students for a career. The purpose of the youth education services component of the program is to provide financial assistance for eligible students who perform tutoring services to elementary and secondary students.
Consequences of Not Funding	Less financial aid available to Kansas students attending higher education institutions.

DENTAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

According to KSA 74-3221, the Kansas Board of Regents may make reciprocal agreements with institutions located in other states, territories or countries to provide that Kansa residents will be admitted for the purpose of pursuing courses of collegiate, graduate or professional study, and that residents of such other state, territory or country will be admitted to one or more specified institutions under the Kansas Board of Regents for the same purpose.

Under the reciprocal agreement signed in 2016 between Kansas and Missouri, up to 85 Kansas residents enrolled to study dentistry at the University Missouri at Kansas City pay the resident tuition rate.

Rather than make student awards, Board staff verifies the students identified by the university as eligible Kansas residents.

There are no aid expenditures associated with this program.

GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARSHIP

First established in the FY 2021 budget under the State Department of Education, the program was relocated to the Board of Regents. Each year, $20,000 has been awarded to the community and technical colleges to provide 20 Kansas resident students with a $1,000 award. There is no statutory provision for this program.

FY 2027: $20,000
FY 2028: $20,000
FY 2029: $20,000

KANSAS PROMISE ACT SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose of Program

During the 2021 Legislative Session, the Kansas Promise Scholarship was established to provide service scholarships for students to attend eligible postsecondary educational institutions in specified programs of study. This program is funded through State General Fund appropriations and potential repayment funds. The program has a sunset date of July 1, 2028.

Program Description and Mechanics

The scholarship is a "last dollar" scholarship awarded to students attending eligible programs of study at public community and technical colleges, Washburn Institute of Technology and certain independent, not-for-profit institutions that offer eligible programs of study. The award amount is determined based on the student's aggregate amount of tuition, required fees, books and required materials less all other aid, i.e. grants scholarships or financial assistance that they are awarded that does not require repayment. Students must be Kansas residents and sign an agreement to live and work in Kansas for two years after completing their program of study. Failure to do so will result in the student repaying the amount of the scholarship assistance that they received plus interest. The interest rate is set at the federal PLUS interest rate at the time that the student enters into the service obligation agreement.

FY 2027: $10,000,000 ($16,853,775 with reappropriation)
FY 2028: $10,000,000
FY 2029: $10,000,000

Subprogram Name	Kansas Promise Scholarship
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,271
Purpose	To encourage individuals to further their education and provide the benefit of their employment to the State of Kansas to assist in the development of a strong state workforce in high demand employment fields.
Consequences of Not Funding	Less financial aid available to Kansas students attending higher education institutions.

ADULT LEARNER GRANT

Purpose of Program

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the Adult Learner Program was established. The program is funded through a transfer from the State General Fund to a special revenue fund. The program has a sunset date of July 1, 2028. Students must be Kansas residents 25 years or older as of the first course funded by a grant and enter into a service agreement to live and work in Kanas for at least two consecutive years upon completion of the program. The program has a household income limitation of $100,000 for a family of two and $150,000 for a family of three, increasing by $4,800 per additional family member. Students may enroll at any public university or not-for-profit institution in Kansas that offers an eligible program, or a not-for-profit accredited institution that maintains open enrollment, offers online education, and offers exclusively competency-based education programs.

Program Description and Mechanics

The program awards up to $3,000 per semester for students who are 25 or older at the start of their eligible program. Eligible programs of study can be in any of the following fields: information technology and security; healthcare and nursing; science, engineering, aerospace and advanced manufacturing; education, early childhood education and development; business, accounting and data analytics; or a program designated by the eligible postsecondary educational institution, which must correspond to a high wage, high demand, or critical need occupation.

FY 2027: $1,000,000 ($2,236,196 with carry forward)
FY 2028: $1,000,000
FY 2029: $1,000,000

Subprogram Name	Adult Learner Grant
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,281 through 74-32,289
Purpose	To promote adult learning in information technology and security; healthcare and nursing; science, engineering, aerospace, and advance manufacturing; education and early childhood education and development; and business, accounting, and data analytics.
Consequences of Not Funding	A Kansas workforce with reduced opportunities to advance their training in fields important to the state's economy.

KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Purpose of Program

During the 2002 Session, the Legislature approved the transfer of the administration of the Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance Program from the Adjutant General's Office to the Kansas Board of Regents, although the two agencies coordinate closely on the administration of the program. This program is designed to assist students who are eligible National Guard members with tuition and fees for postsecondary education. In return for the assistance, students must agree, upon completion of their last semester of tuition assistance, that they will serve an additional 24 months in the Kansas National Guard. Failure to do so results in the student repaying the total amount of assistance received. This program is funded through State General Fund appropriations.

Program Description and Mechanics

The program provides up to 100% of the cost of tuition and fees for eligible guard members enrolled up to 15 credit hours per semester at a technical college, community college, the municipal university, state educational institutions and accredited independent postsecondary institutions. Determination of the percentage of tuition and fees covered is dependent on available funding. Students must be undergraduate Kansas residents with no previous baccalaureate degree and enrolled full time. With a projected average award of $6,342, the program could assist approximately 992 students.

FY 2027: $5,400,000 ($5,603,130 with reappropriation)
FY 2028: $5,400,000
FY 2029: $5,400,000

Subprogram Name	Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance Program
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,145
Purpose	To provide an educational assistance program under which payment of the tuition and fees charged eligible members of the Kansas national guard for enrollment at Kansas educational institutions shall be provided for by the state.
Consequences of Not Funding	Recruitment opportunities for National Guard members will be curtailed as this program is a key feature of the benefit from serving.

KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATION MASTER'S FOR ENHANCED READINESS & GLOBAL EXCELLENCE (EMERGE) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose of Program

2024 SB 19 established the Kansas National Guard Education Master's for Enhanced Readiness and Global Excellence (EMERGE) Program to provide financial assistance to Kansas National Guard members pursuing master's degrees at any Kansas institution offering graduate level programs. The program was established to provide continuous educational and professional growth for service members, especially as they ascend the ranks. The pursuit of graduate-level education is becoming increasingly essential for advanced leadership roles within the Guard, but which creates a barrier affecting recruitment and retention efforts. The program will be financed with State General Fund appropriations and potential repayment funds.

Program Description and Mechanics

National Guard members participating in the program to agree, in writing, to complete the member's current service obligation and to serve actively and in good standing for no less than 48 months following the completion of the program. The bill also requires participating members to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and apply for any other federal tuition assistance available. Each participating National Guard member must remain in good standing at their Kansas educational institution, make satisfactory progress toward completion of the requirements of their degree, and maintain a grade point average of no less than 2.75 in order to continue their participation in the program. Program awards will be based on students approved by the National Guard.

FY 2027: $2,200,000 ($4,756,183 with reappropriation)
FY 2028: $2,200,000
FY 2029: $2,200,000

Subprogram Name	Kansas National Guard Education Master's for Enhanced Readiness and Global Excellence (EMERGE) Program
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	2024 SB 19
Purpose	To address the current and future leadership needs of the National Guard with effective operational readiness.
Consequences of Not Funding	Fewer officers for leadership in the Kansas National Guard with graduate-level education.

ROTC SERVICE PROGRAM

Purpose of Program

To provide a tuition waiver for students participating in a ROTC program from an ROTC institution and after graduation accept a commission and serve at least four years as a commissioned officer in the Kansas National Guard. This program is funded through State General Fund appropriations.

Program Description and Mechanics

The Kansas Reserve Officer Training program was established by the 1979 Legislature to provide tuition waivers for full-time students enrolled in Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps programs at the public universities with an ROTC program (currently Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, the University of Kansas, Wichita State University and Washburn University). The statute allows up to 160 students in this program. The maximum award amount was increased by the 2001 Legislature to 70% of the cost of attendance at a state institution for an academic year. Tuition waivers are limited to eight semesters. If the student does not satisfy the obligation to accept a commission and serve as an officer in the Kansas National Guard for the required period of time, the student is obligated to repay the benefits within five years including accrued interest at a rate applicable to loans made under the federal PLUS program at the time the student first entered into the agreement plus five percentage points.

FY 2027: $175,335 ($185,182 with reappropriation)
FY 2028: $175,335
FY 2029: $175,335

Subprogram Name	ROTC Service Scholarship
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-3255
Purpose	To provide a tuition waiver for students participating in a ROTC program from an ROTC institution and after graduation accept a commission and serve at least four years as a commissioned officer in the Kansas National Guard.
Consequences of Not Funding	A smaller pipeline of officers to serve in the Kansas National Guard.

KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose of Program

To reduce impact of recurrent shortages of teachers in hard to fill disciplines and underserved geographical areas in Kansas as annually determined by the Kansas Department of Education.

Program Description and Mechanics

Students with competitive academic profiles including completion of the Kansas Scholars Curriculum, ACT/SAT scores, high school GPA and class rank or college GPA and strong college advisor recommendation letters are considered, as well as current teachers seeking licensure or endorsement in hard-to-fill disciplines or underserved geographic areas. The maximum award is adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index. Currently, the maximum award is $6,860 for the year. The scholarship is not need-based primarily due to the service obligation that requires teaching in the specified discipline or geographical area, in Kansas, one year for each year of scholarship support. Recipients who do not serve must repay the scholarship amount. Board of Regents staff selects recipients, and priority is given to students in the final two years of teacher education, as well as current teachers seeking additional licensure or endorsement in hard-to-fill disciplines or who plan to teach in underserved geographic areas of the state.

FY 2027: $3,094,046 ($3,350,095 with reappropriation)
FY 2028: $3,094,046
FY 2029: $3,094,046

Subprogram Name	Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship Program
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,100
Purpose	To reduce impact of recurrent shortages of teachers in hard to fill disciplines and underserved geographical areas in Kansas as annually determined by the Kansas Department of Education.
Consequences of Not Funding	Less financial aid available to Kansas students seeking a career as teachers with continued workforce shortages for school districts.

KANSAS NURSING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose of Program

To reduce the impact of recurrent shortages of nurses especially in rural areas of Kansas. The program is financed through a combination of State General Fund appropriations and sponsors' funds.

Program Description and Mechanics

The Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship requires an obligation to practice as an LPN or RN in Kansas. Students previously had to be enrolled full-time (12 credit hours or more) in a Kansas nursing program and agree to provide one year of nursing service for each year of scholarship support. Effective FY 2027, part-time students are eligible to receive an award with changes to the Board of Regents' regulations – this change increased eligible applicants to the program.

Recipients who do not serve must repay the scholarship amount with interest. The scholarship awards are $4,000 for an LPN and $5,000 for an RN. If the student identifies a sponsoring employer, the scholarship is larger. An eligible sponsor means any adult care home, psychiatric hospital, medical care facility, home health agency, local health department or any state agency, which employs LPNs or RNs, licensed by the State of Kansas. The sponsor cannot be in the following counties: Butler, Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Reno, Riley, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee, or Wyandotte. The sponsor will provide employment upon licensure of the recipient. Priority is given if the sponsor is a mental health center or treatment facility.

FY 2027: $1,417,255 SGF ($2,551,374 with reappropriation)
FY 2028: $1,417,255 SGF
FY 2029: $1,417,255 SGF

Subprogram Name	Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship Program
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-3291
Purpose	To reduce the impact of recurrent shortages of nurses especially in rural areas of Kansas.
Consequences of Not Funding	Continued shortages of nurses throughout the state, leading to poor health outcomes of Kansans.

KANSAS NURSE EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose of Program

In an effort to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty in the State of Kansas, the Kansas Nurse Educator Scholarship Program was established by appropriation proviso during the 2006 Legislative Session to encourage registered nurses to pursue graduate education to become full-time nursing faculty. During the 2007 Legislative Session, this program was written into substantive law.

Program Description and Mechanics

Scholarship recipients must be Kansas residents who are registered nurses and enrolled in an accredited program leading to a Master of Science degree in nursing or a doctorate degree in nursing at a state educational institution or another institution of higher education located in Kansas. The scholarship award shall not exceed 70% of the cost of attendance for an individual enrolled at a state educational institution. These grants shall be matched on the basis of $2 from the nurse educator scholarship program account for $1 from the state educational institution located in Kansas.

FY 2027: $188,126 ($823,666 with reappropriation)
FY 2028: $188,126
FY 2029: $188,126

Subprogram Name	Kansas Nurse Educator Scholarship Program
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,219
Purpose	To increase the number of qualified nursing faculty in the State of Kansas.
Consequences of Not Funding	Less financial aid available to Kansas students attending higher education institutions.

OPTOMETRY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose of Program

To encourage selected Kansas residents to practice optometry in Kansas. The program is funded through a combination of State General Fund appropriations and repayment funds.

Program Description and Mechanics

The Kansas Legislature authorized contracts between the Board of Regents and selected schools of optometry for approximately 40 students to attend out-of-state schools at resident tuition. Depending on the school attended, the recipient may have to practice optometry in Kansas one year for each year of financial assistance or repay the assistance at the statutory interest rate. Students are ranked academically by the optometry schools and are funded in that order. This program will assist 28 students, which are funded at rates ranging from "reciprocal" to a maximum award of $14,000.

FY 2025 Seat Purchases				
	Missouri St. Louis	**Tahlequah**	**Memphis**	**Total**
Total Seats	9	8	9	28
Cost per Seat	N/A	$11,500	$6,500	
Total Request	**$0**	**$92,000**	**$58,500**	**$150,500**

Note: Seats at St. Louis are obtained under a reciprocal agreement with the University of Missouri; therefore, no appropriation is required.

FY 2027: $107,089
FY 2028: $107,089
FY 2029: $107,089

Subprogram Name	Optometry Service Scholarship Program
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-3270, 76-721a
Purpose	To encourage selected Kansas residents to practice optometry in Kansas.
Consequences of Not Funding	Fewer practicing optometrists for Kansans.

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose of Program

To provide scholarships to osteopathic students who agree to practice one year in an underserved area in Kansas for each year of scholarship support. The intent is to reduce the shortage of primary care physicians in rural areas of Kansas. This program was financed for many years through repayment funds from students attending out of state osteopathic colleges who did not meet their service obligation in Kansas. The 2022 opening of the Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Wichita presented an opportunity to expand the program for Kansas students and the 2024 Legislature appropriated $2.2 million from the State General Fund for FY 2025.

Program Description and Mechanics

Kansas residents who attend accredited osteopathic medicine schools are partially funded in exchange for one year of primary care service for each year of scholarship support. Recipients who do not serve must repay the scholarship amount at the interest rate made under the federal PLUS program at the time the student first entered into an agreement plus five percentage points. Board of Regents staff selects recipients, and priority consideration is given to students with historical or current ties to rural Kansas communities. The maximum annual award is not to exceed the maximum amount of a loan authorized to be made under the Medical Student Loan Act administered by the KU Medical Center, which for FY 2026 is $43,685. A maximum of 25 awards to first time recipients can be made in any one year and no more than 80 scholarships may be awarded in any single year.

FY 2027: $1,000,000 SGF ($3,262,589 with reappropriation)
FY 2028: $1,000,000 SGF
FY 2029: $1,000,000 SGF

Subprogram Name	Osteopathic Medical Service Scholarship
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-3265 through 74-3268a
Purpose	To provide scholarships to osteopathic students who agree to practice one year in an underserved area in Kansas for each year of scholarship support. The intent is to place trained physicians in rural areas of the state where they will establish their career and may elect to remain after their service ends, reducing the shortage of primary care physicians in rural areas of Kansas.
Consequences of Not Funding	Continued shortages of primary care physicians in underserved areas of the state, leading to poor health outcomes of Kansans.

CAREER TECHNICAL WORKFORCE GRANT

Purpose of Program

To encourage individuals to further their education and provide the benefit of a strong Kansas workforce in high demand, critical fields. This program is funded through State General Fund appropriations.

Program Description and Mechanics

The program provided for a maximum individual grant of $1,000 for full-time students. Part-time student awards are proportionate based on the student's credit hours in an academic period. Awards were renewable contingent upon the recipient maintaining satisfactory academic progress, continued enrollment in a high demand, critical field, submission of a renewal grant application, and the availability of funding.

FY 2027: $0
FY 2028: $0
FY 2029: $0

Subprogram Name	Career Technical Workforce Grant
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,423
Purpose	To encourage individuals to further their education and provide the benefit of their employment to the State of Kansas to assist in the development of a strong Kansas workforce in high demand, critical fields.
Consequences of Not Funding	Fewer Kansans trained to meet the workforce needs in high demand fields.

COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATOR PROGRAM

Purpose of Program

During the 2022 Legislative Session, the Computer Science Educator Program was established to promote the advancement of computer science licensed and preservice teacher preparation in Kansas.

Program Description and Mechanics

The program awards scholarships up to $1,000 to licensed and preservice teachers who have completed at least one computer science course during enrollment at a postsecondary education institution in Kansas. The Kansas Board of Regents shall prioritize scholarship awards for applicants who: are from underrepresented socioeconomic demographic groups; or agree to teach computer science in rural schools or schools with higher percentages of students from underrepresented socioeconomic demographic groups.

FY 2027: $0
FY 2028: $0
FY 2029: $0

Subprogram Name	Computer Science Educator Program
Required by Statute	Yes
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	None.
Statutory Requirements	K.S.A. 74-32,209
Purpose	To promote the advancement of computer science licensed and preservice teacher preparation in Kansas.
Consequences of Not Funding	Less financial aid available to Kansas students attending higher education institutions.

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Obj. Code	OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Base Budget Entry	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Base Budget Entry	FY 2028 Agency Change Packages	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request
	SUBTOTAL State Operations	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
55500	State Special Grants	73,742,176	94,658,628	94,658,628	72,193,869	10,000,000	82,193,869
	TOTAL Other Assistance	**73,742,176**	**94,658,628**	**94,658,628**	**72,193,869**	**10,000,000**	**82,193,869**
	TOTAL REPORTABLE EXPENDITURES	**73,742,176**	**94,658,628**	**94,658,628**	**72,193,869**	**10,000,000**	**82,193,869**
77300	Transfers	546,813	546,813	546,813	546,813	0	546,813
	TOTAL Non-Expense Items	**546,813**	**546,813**	**546,813**	**546,813**	**0**	**546,813**
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**74,288,989**	**95,205,441**	**95,205,441**	**72,740,682**	**10,000,000**	**82,740,682**

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Series	Fund Code	FUND/ACCOUNT TITLE	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Base Budget Entry	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Base Budget Entry	FY 2028 Agency Change Packages	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request
8	1000	0190 Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	**1000**	**1000 SUBTOTAL for 1000's**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
		1032 TOTAL Aid to Locals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
9	1000	0180 Osteopathic Service Scholarship	492,000	3,262,589	3,262,589	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
9	1000	0190 Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	2,136,500	5,286,714	5,286,714	1,687,447	0	1,687,447
9	1000	0230 Kansas Education Opp Scholarships	921,294	4,596,638	4,596,638	1,700,000	0	1,700,000
9	1000	0240 EMERGE Program Assistance	522,897	4,756,183	4,756,183	2,200,000	0	2,200,000
9	1000	0770 POSTSECONDARY ED OPERATING GRT	0	0	0	0	10,000,000	10,000,000
9	1000	0800 TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	2,212,945	2,810,095	2,810,095	2,554,046	0	2,554,046
9	1000	0950 Governors Scholarship Program	31,674	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	20,000
9	1000	0960 Kansas Promise Scholarship	11,359,504	16,853,775	16,853,775	10,000,000	0	10,000,000
9	1000	1100 OPTOMETRY EDUCATION PROGRAM	163,500	107,089	107,089	107,089	0	107,089
9	1000	1300 NATL GUARD ED ASSISTANCE	6,514,545	5,603,130	5,603,130	5,400,000	0	5,400,000
9	1000	1310 MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS	89,835	907,166	907,166	500,314	0	500,314
9	1000	1650 TUITION WAIVERS	6,224,711	3,553,271	3,553,271	2,950,000	0	2,950,000
9	1000	4100 NURSING STUDENT SCHOLRSHIP PRG	1,163,536	2,551,374	2,551,374	1,417,255	0	1,417,255
9	1000	4120 NURSE EDUCATOR GRANT PROGRAM	118,993	823,666	823,666	188,126	0	188,126
9	1000	4300 STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	493,761	2,058,418	2,058,418	1,010,919	0	1,010,919
9	1000	4310 SSP-KS DISTIGUISH SCHOL PRG	17,478	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	25,000
9	1000	4500 COMPREHENSIVE GRANT PROGRAM	40,429,249	40,258,338	40,258,338	40,258,338	0	40,258,338
9	1000	4600 ROTC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS	195,488	185,182	185,182	175,335	0	175,335
9	**1000**	**1000 SUBTOTAL for 1000's**	**73,087,910**	**93,658,628**	**93,658,628**	**71,193,869**	**10,000,000**	**81,193,869**
9	2857	2857 2857 Kansas Adult Learner Grant Program Fund	654,266	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
9	**2857**	**2857 SUBTOTAL for 2857's**	**654,266**	**1,000,000**	**1,000,000**	**1,000,000**	**0**	**1,000,000**
		1222 TOTAL Other Assistance	**73,742,176**	**94,658,628**	**94,658,628**	**72,193,869**	**10,000,000**	**82,193,869**
92	1000	2000 KANSAS WORK-STUDY PROGRAM	546,813	546,813	546,813	546,813	0	546,813
92	**1000**	**1000 SUBTOTAL for 1000's**	**546,813**	**546,813**	**546,813**	**546,813**	**0**	**546,813**
		1232 TOTAL Non-Expense Items	**546,813**	**546,813**	**546,813**	**546,813**	**0**	**546,813**
		1232 TOTAL All Funds	**74,288,989**	**95,205,441**	**95,205,441**	**72,740,682**	**10,000,000**	**82,740,682**

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0180	Osteopathic Service Scholarship	492,000	3,262,589	3,262,589	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
0190	Kansas Blueprint for Literacy	2,136,500	5,286,714	5,286,714	1,687,447	0	1,687,447
0230	Kansas Education Opp Scholarships	921,294	4,596,638	4,596,638	1,700,000	0	1,700,000
0240	EMERGE Program Assistance	522,897	4,756,183	4,756,183	2,200,000	0	2,200,000
0770	POSTSECONDARY ED OPERATING GRT	0	0	0	0	10,000,000	10,000,000
0800	TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	2,212,945	2,810,095	2,810,095	2,554,046	0	2,554,046
0950	Governors Scholarship Program	31,674	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	20,000
0960	Kansas Promise Scholarship	11,359,504	16,853,775	16,853,775	10,000,000	0	10,000,000
1100	OPTOMETRY EDUCATION PROGRAM	163,500	107,089	107,089	107,089	0	107,089
1300	NATL GUARD ED ASSISTANCE	6,514,545	5,603,130	5,603,130	5,400,000	0	5,400,000
1310	MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS	89,835	907,166	907,166	500,314	0	500,314
1650	TUITION WAIVERS	6,224,711	3,553,271	3,553,271	2,950,000	0	2,950,000
2000	KANSAS WORK-STUDY PROGRAM	546,813	546,813	546,813	546,813	0	546,813
4100	NURSING STUDENT SCHOLRSHIP PRG	1,163,536	2,551,374	2,551,374	1,417,255	0	1,417,255
4120	NURSE EDUCATOR GRANT PROGRAM	118,993	823,666	823,666	188,126	0	188,126
4300	STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	493,761	2,058,418	2,058,418	1,010,919	0	1,010,919
4310	SSP-KS DISTIGUISH SCHOL PRG	17,478	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	25,000
4500	COMPREHENSIVE GRANT PROGRAM	40,429,249	40,258,338	40,258,338	40,258,338	0	40,258,338
4600	ROTC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS	195,488	185,182	185,182	175,335	0	175,335
1000	**SUBTOTAL STATE GENERAL FUND**	**73,634,723**	**94,205,441**	**94,205,441**	**71,740,682**	**10,000,000**	**81,740,682**
2857	Kansas Adult Learner Grant Program Fund	654,266	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
2857	**SUBTOTAL Kansas Adult Learner Grant Program Fund**	**654,266**	**1,000,000**	**1,000,000**	**1,000,000**	**0**	**1,000,000**
1448	**TOTAL MEANS OF FUNDING**	**74,288,989**	**95,205,441**	**95,205,441**	**72,740,682**	**10,000,000**	**82,740,682**

Background

Although the Board's budget includes capital improvement expenditures, the Board of Regents does not itself operate or maintain any facilities. The Board's budget serves as a pass-through for certain capital appropriations intended for the state universities, such as from the Educational Building Fund and the Campus Restoration Act Funds. Funding for capital projects at the coordinated institutions passes through the Board's budget as aid to local units of government.

The buildings and campuses of the state universities provide the physical environment where learning and research occur to support educational achievement and fulfill the missions of the institutions. These facilities also contribute to creating a sense of place and community; help with recruitment and retention of students, faculty, and staff; and inspire ongoing participation of alumni and donors. The universities' substantial portfolio of facilities comprises a major portion of the State of Kansas' total building inventory. In total, there are 1,120 facilities in use by the universities across the state, encompassing 38.5 million gross square feet, sited on approximately 27,000 acres across the state. Of those facilities, 451 are designated "mission critical" (i.e., predominantly used for academic and/or research functions) with 20.5 million gross square feet, and an average age of 54 years. The mission-critical facilities have a current estimated replacement value of $7.96 billion, and a renewal needs cost of $1.66 billion to bring the facilities to a "state of good repair" (structurally sound, safe, and functional). The backlog of renewal needs is anticipated to continue increasing in the near term. With sustained investment in the strategic rehabilitation of existing buildings and divestiture of obsolete facilities, the backlog liability will stabilize and then decrease.

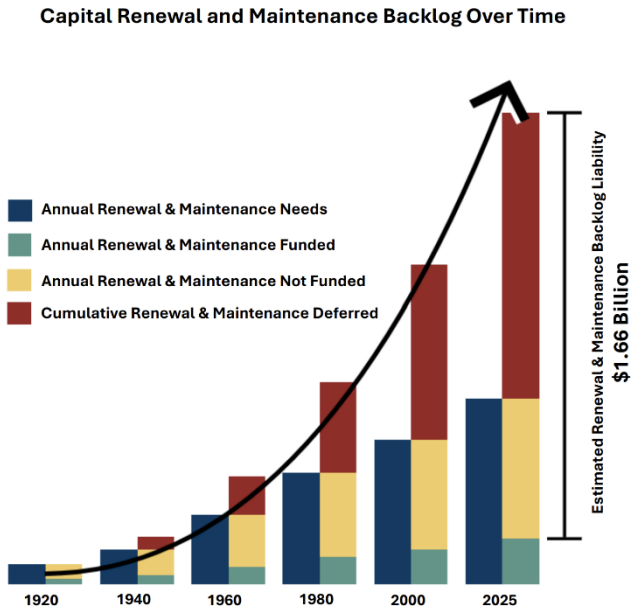
As stewards of these state assets, campuses must continually update their facilities to be competitive in their recruitment of students, to meet the expectations of their university community, and to stay up to date with changing technologies and campus needs. The demands of managing aging facilities and infrastructure increasingly requires a keen strategic approach to campus planning decision making. The universities must plan and prioritize when to repair or renovate existing facilities and when to replace obsolete with a new building to best meet their needs.

Educational Building Fund (EBF)

The EBF was first established by the 1941 Legislature and is a primary source of state funds for building projects at the state universities. Income to the fund until Tax Year 2027, was derived from a one mill, statewide levy on property subject to ad valorem taxation. As of FY 2027, the Educational Building Fund will rely upon an annual demand transfer from the State General Fund for its revenue. According to language in the statute, the tax levy shall be for the use and benefit of the state institutions of higher education. The EBF is appropriated to the Board for distribution among the campuses according to a formula developed in 2007, with an emphasis on rehabilitation and repair type projects for the eligible mission critical facilities and the infrastructure that directly supports these buildings.

Through the budget process, the universities submit their five-year capital plans to the Board for approval and to the Joint Committee on State Building Construction, as required by state law. The state universities provide reports to the Board on how the funds were used for rehabilitation and repair projects on an annual basis. Board policy determines how the state universities may use their EBF allocations.
The Board's annual capital improvement appropriation from the Educational Building Fund (EBF) for state university facilities capital renewal provides critical funding for maintenance of the mission critical facilities; however, EBF revenues are not sufficient to cover their facility renewal, repair and maintenance needs. The EBF is allocated annually to the state universities for capital renewal projects, relying on information provided by the Department of Administration to forecast what will be available.

Board of Regents' Facilities Renewal Initiative
After years of reports that highlighted the growing backlog of capital renewal (building systems replacement) and maintenance projects needed at the state universities, the Board of Regents decided more focused attention must be directed at solving the chronic problem of deferred building renewal and maintenance in 2019. As an initial step toward that objective, the Board commissioned two systemwide studies: one to survey and assess the condition of mission critical buildings and the other to take stock of utilization rates for academic instructional spaces and offices. Both efforts were conducted by reputable, third-party consultants using industry standard methodologies during 2020. The findings of the facilities condition assessment showed that the estimated maintenance backlog for mission critical buildings was approximately $1.2 billion. Results of the space utilization study indicated that utilization of classrooms and instructional space across the system generally fell below nationally recognized target efficiency metrics, leading to opportunity space that could potentially be repurposed or taken out of service. (It is important to note that the data provided by the universities to the consultants to perform this analysis was based on a snapshot in time from the 2019 Fall semester and did not consider the effects and long-term implications of COVID-19.)



The Board adopted new facilities policy to execute on the initiative, a proactive step in revitalizing campus facilities across the system. Highlights of the initiative include the following:

- Establishing a maintenance assessment for all mission critical buildings starting in FY 2023 at 0.25 percent of replacement value, ramping up to 2.0 percent by FY 2028 to ensure the universities are setting aside and reinvesting resources annually for maintenance and renewal

projects (refer to table on the next page for projected amounts);

- Rigorous data collections to track building and space inventory to support strategic campus planning and project development and prioritization;
- Requiring state universities to provide a structured and detailed plan to demonstrate how maintenance over the life of the building will be financed when proposing a new facility; and
- Enacting incentives to divest, repurpose, replace, and/or raze obsolete buildings to revitalize and right-size campuses with facilities optimally suitable to their functions to support the universities' missions for the coming decades.

In partnership with the Governor and Legislature, the Board's facilities renewal initiative has already resulted in tangible improvements at the campuses. The campus facilities staff now have additional resources to proactively address building needs. Whereas in the past they were commonly reacting to emergencies, they can now strategically plan repair and replacement projects before costly and disruptive systems failures.

Maintenance Assessment - Systemwide
(RV in Billions)

Fiscal Year	Replacement Value (RV)	Maintenance Assessment %	Maintenance Assessment $
2023	**$7.721**	**0.25%**	**$19,301,533**
2024	**$8.314**	**0.50%**	**$41,569,968**
2025	**$8.426**	**0.75%**	**$63,194,026**
2026	**$7.956**	**1.00%**	**$79,558,466**
2027	$8.115	1.50%	$121,724,453
2028	$8.277	2.00%	$165,545,256
2029	$8.443	2.00%	$168,856,161
2030	$8.612	2.00%	$172,233,285
2031	$8.784	2.00%	$175,677,950
2032	$8.960	2.00%	$179,191,509

Data reported as of December 2025.

State General Fund appropriations for capital renewal, demolition of obsolete buildings and one-time investments in new facilities is having transformative effects at the universities. In the first four years of the Board's initiative (FY 2023 - FY 2027):

- Over $750.0 million was allocated to address renewal, maintenance, and demolition projects:
  - $155.5 million State General Fund appropriations;
  - $267.5 million from the Educational Building Fund; and
  - $331.0 million from university sources.
- Well over 700 capital renewal and rehabilitation and repair projects made possible with EBF dollars, State General Fund investment, and the Universities' required matching funds;
- The first 29 demolition projects (detailed below) will eliminate over 740,000 square feet and more than $123 million of deferred maintenance, with utility and other operating costs savings to also benefit the campuses; and

- KBOR Data Research and Planning and IT have automated the annual facilities Space Inventory Data Collection to coincide with the KHEDS Academic Year Data Collection and a space needs analysis modeling tool was developed to enable facilities staff to coordinate with academic administrators to make strategic decisions on project development, space utilization and overall campus planning.

Although construction remains challenging due to supply chain issues and labor availability, many of the planned projects have either been completed, are currently under construction, or are in the planning stages to be executed over the course of the next year.

Demolition of Obsolete Facilities
The Legislature appropriated $25.0 million over three years for the demolition of obsolete buildings on public university campuses ($10.0 million in both FY 2023 and FY 2024 and $5.0 million in FY 2025, with $750,000 in each year dedicated to Washburn University). The Kansas Campus Restoration Act funds may also be utilized for demolition of obsolete mission-critical academic and research buildings. The state universities have identified buildings that may be candidates for future demolition, but those additional facilities will not be publicly identified until the necessary campus planning, and communications can occur. Realistically, this process takes several years to come to fruition.

Mission Critical Facilities Identified for Demolition (As of Augst 2026)

University	Building/Project Name	Structures	Allocation	Gross Square Feet Eliminated	Estimated Deferred Maintenance Costs Avoided*	Letter Grade(s)
ESU	Butcher Education Center	1	$1,000,000	35,765	$4,978,986	D
ESU	Morse Hall Central	1	$750,000	34,907	$4,684,920	D
ESU	Morse Hall South & Southeast	2	$1,913,437	65,946	$6,900,000	D+, C
KSU	Edwards Hall	1	$2,504,547	56,718	$9,374,829	F
KSU	Greenhouse D Conservatory	1	$425,000	2,274	$853,057	F
KSU	Gymnasium	1	$1,387,000	75,527	$7,789,221	D+
KSU	Natatorium	1	$615,000	50,250	$11,036,300	F
KSU	Swine Barn	1	$200,000	9,316	$253,000	C-
KSU	Weber Arena & Portion of Weber Hall / Classroom #123	2	$4,600,000	59,260	$14,550,000	D
KSU	International Student Center	1	$800,000	6,143	$1,600,000	C
KSU-S	KSU Salina Facilities Planning Building	1	$250,000	9,447	$1,301,815	D
KSU-S	Maintenance Building	1	$215,000	5,537	$930,687	F
KSU-S	Composites Building	1	$35,000	2,100	$262,062	C-
KSU-S	Tullis Building	1	$150,000	5,774	$586,358	C
PSU	Shirk Hall	1	$750,000	23,836	$3,469,796	D+
PSU	Shirk Hall Annex	1	$750,000	29,246	$3,833,257	C
KU	Facilities Administration Building ("FS Main")	1	$794,656	24,720	$2,443,375	C-
KU	Entomology Research Lab	1	$29,059	2,400	$350,009	F
KUMC	Eleanor Taylor Hall	1	$997,016	34,183	$4,433,475	C
KUMC	Olathe Pavilion and Student Center	2	$2,239,284	116,485	$13,519,418	F
WSU	Intensive English Center	1	$250,000	10,971	$1,456,646	C-
WSU	Intensive English Annex	1	$250,000	1,818	$105,494	B+
WSU	Brennan Hall I, II, and III	3	$895,000	49,614	$8,197,968	D+,C+,C-
WSU	Neff Hall	1	$950,000	30,197	$5,629,000	D
	Total Committed – State Universities	**29**	**$22,750,000**	**742,434**	**$108,539,673**	
	Washburn University	**4**	**$2,250,000**			
	Total State Funding		**$25,000,000**			

** Estimated deferred maintenance costs have not been adjusted to reflect current inflation and do not account for operational cost savings.*

Campus Restoration Act

FY 2026 marked the first of a six-year capital renewal investment passed by the Legislature (2024 SB 18) to address the facility needs of public institutions of higher education in Kansas. The original legislation envisioned annual transfers of $32.7 million to the Board of Regents from FY 2026 through FY 2031, to be distributed to the public institutions of higher education in each of the six years. State universities were to receive $30.0 million with a required $1:$1 match on monies used for renewal, and the 27 coordinated institutions were to receive $100,000 each with no match required. 2025 SB 125 reduced the original amount by $2.5 million for FY 2026, which was implemented by a pro-rata reduction to the institutions.

The state universities will apply this state investment to reduce deferred maintenance and to raze obsolete buildings (which carries no required match). As required by the Act, the state universities presented to the Board their plans for rehabilitating, remodeling, or renovating their mission critical facilities to bring them to a state of good repair over the six-year period. Their plans, which were approved by the Board at the September 2025 meeting, included six facilities as candidates for demolition (KUMC Olathe Pavillion and Student Center, KSU Shellenberger Hall and Feed Technology Building, PSU Kelce Center and old Student Health Center) with more to come. Amounts for each institution/sector are noted below:

Institution/Sector	**Amount**
University of Kansas	$8,061,000
KU Medical Center	$3,375,000
Kansas State University	$8,970,000
Wichita State University	$3,294,000
Emporia State University	$1,812,000
Pittsburg State University	$2,214,000
Fort Hays State University	$2,274,000
Washburn University	$100,000
Each of 19 Community Colleges	$100,000
Each of 7 Technical Colleges	$100,000
Total	**$32,700,000**

The Board of Regents received the full $32.7 million transfer in FY 2027 and plans for the full transfer in FY 2028 through FY 2031 as the universities are signing multi-year contracts to commit those dollars to planned projects as approved by the Board in September 2025.

Subprogram Name	Campus Restoration Act
Required by Statute	Yes.
Maintenance of Effort or Matching Requirement	State KCRA monies used by state universities must be matched $1:$1 unless used for demolition of obsolete buildings.
Statutory Requirements	KSA 76-7,153 through 76-7,159 (2024 Senate Bill 18)
Purpose	To reduce deferred maintenance of educational mission-critical facilities at postsecondary educational institutions, to bring such facilities to a state of good repair and to provide for the demolition or razing of facilities at state educational institutions that are no longer mission-critical.
Consequences of Not Funding	Facilities at the institutions would continue to experience deferred maintenance with the potential of failing building systems or unsafe conditions.

Board of Regents' Capital Improvement Budget
For FY 2027 and FY 2028, the Board's budget reflects amounts estimated from the Educational Building Fund and the Kansas Campus Restoration Act Fund as provided for by the Legislature for continued capital renewal.

FY 2027: $88.7 M total: $32.7 M KCRA and $56.0 M EBF
FY 2028: $91.7 M total: $32.7 M KCRA and $59.0 M EBF

At the Board of Regents' December 2026 meeting, action will be taken to allocate the Educational Building Fund and Kansas Campus Restoration Act Fund to the state universities for FY 2028. The submitted FY 2028 budget may need to be revised to reflect Board action on the EBF that will incorporate additional information related to actual revenues from FY 2026 expected to be available in November.

ENHANCEMENT PACKAGES – Capital Improvements
Refer to the agency overview for information related to the Board's enhancement requests for postsecondary education.

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Obj. Code	OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Base Budget Entry	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Base Budget Entry	FY 2028 Agency Change Packages	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request
	SUBTOTAL State Operations	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	TOTAL Capital Improvements	**0**	**0**	**0**	**89,039,190**	**0**	**89,039,190**
	TOTAL REPORTABLE EXPENDITURES	**0**	**0**	**0**	**89,039,190**	**0**	**89,039,190**
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**0**	**0**	**0**	**89,039,190**	**0**	**89,039,190**

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Series	Fund Code	FUND/ACCOUNT TITLE	FY 2026 Actuals	FY 2027 Base Budget Entry	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2028 Base Budget Entry	FY 2028 Agency Change Packages	FY 2028 Adjusted Budget Request
5	2860	2860 2860 KS CAMPUS RESTORATION FUND	0	0	0	30,000,000	0	30,000,000
5	**2860**	**2860 SUBTOTAL for 2860's**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30,000,000**	**0**	**30,000,000**
5	8001	8108 EIBF-DISABLT ACT/FIRE CMP/IMPR	0	0	0	59,039,190	0	59,039,190
5	**8001**	**8001 SUBTOTAL for 8001's**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**59,039,190**	**0**	**59,039,190**
		1032 TOTAL Capital Improvements	**0**	**0**	**0**	**89,039,190**	**0**	**89,039,190**
		1032 TOTAL All Funds	**0**	**0**	**0**	**89,039,190**	**0**	**89,039,190**

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2860	KS CAMPUS RESTORATION FUND	0	0	0	30,000,000	0	30,000,000
2860	**SUBTOTAL Kansas Campus Restoration Fund**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30,000,000**	**0**	**30,000,000**
8108	EIBF-DISABLT ACT/FIRE CMP/IMPR	0	0	0	59,039,190	0	59,039,190
8001	**SUBTOTAL EDUCATIONAL BUILDING FUND**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**59,039,190**	**0**	**59,039,190**
1060	**TOTAL MEANS OF FUNDING**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**89,039,190**	**0**	**89,039,190**