

# 2021-2022 Budget Profile



## Kansas City Kansas Public Schools



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## **2021-2022 Budget General Information**

### **USD #: 500**

#### **Introduction**

The Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools (KCKPS) is a nationally recognized urban school district that serves approximately 22,000 students. With a Head Start program, four preschools, 29 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, and 5 high schools, the district serves a wonderfully diverse mixture of students. About 63 different languages are spoken in the homes of our students. To serve those students, the district employs approximately 4,000 staff.

The vision of the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools is to be one of the Top 10 school districts in the nation. Our goal is that “Each student will exit high school prepared for college and careers in a global society, and at every level, performance is on track and on time for success.” To help our students achieve this goal, the district has implemented a district-wide initiative called Diploma+. The goal of Diploma+ is for each student to graduate with a high school diploma plus one of the following seven endorsements: Completion of one year of college; Completion of an Industry-Recognized Certificate or Credential; Achievement of at least 21 on the ACT or 1060 on the SAT; Completion of an IB Diploma Programme or Career-Related Programme; Acceptance into the Military; Completion of a Qualified Internship or Industry-Approved Project; An Approved Plan for Post-Secondary Transition.

#### **Board Members**

Mr. Randy Lopez, President  
Ms. Yolanda Clark, Vice-President  
Ms. Wanda Brownlee-Paige  
Ms. Maxine Drew  
Ms. Janey Humphries  
Dr. Valdenia Winn  
Dr. Stacey Yeager

#### **Key Staff**

Superintendent:	Dr. Anna Stubblefield
Deputy Superintendent:	TBD
Chief Operating Officer:	Dennis Covington
Associate Supt of Leading & Learning:	Dr. Judith Campbell
Chief of Staff	Stephen Linkous
Chief of Human Resources:	Keli Tuschman
Chief of Police:	Chief Henry Horn

Executive Director of Business:	Tracy Kaiser
Executive Director of Federal Programs:	Lisa G. Walker
Executive Director of Operations:	Lenora Miller
Executive Director of Special Education:	Dr. JaKyta Lawrie

Executive Director of Communications: Edwin Birch  
Instructional Improvement Officer: Dr. Alicia Miguel  
Instructional Improvement Officer: Dr. Kim Shaw  
Instructional Improvement Officer: Kristen Scott

Director of Finance: Brad Isnard  
Clerk of the Board: Leslie Smith

### **Vision**

*Striving to become one of the Top 10 school districts in the nation, by creating a generation of innovative thinkers who will change the world.*

### **Goal**

*Each student will exit high school prepared for college and careers in a global society, and at every level, performance is on track and on time for success.*

### **Mission**

*Inspiring Excellence: Every Grownup, Every Child, Every Day*

## **The District's Accomplishments and Challenges**

### **Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools Points of Pride**

- ✓ KCKPS offered a total of 5,619 Virtual College and/or career experiences utilizing the Nepris/Connector Platform in partnership with PrepKC.
  - ✓ Students and staff experienced colleges and the workplace in a virtual setting.
  - ✓ KCKPS students participated in Job Shadows, Career Speaker experiences, Real World Learning connections, and Virtual Campus visits.
  - ✓ A total of 3,903 students were able to go on an experience while in the comfort of their home or classroom.
  - ✓ A total of over 12,000 experiences on the Nepris/Connector Platform.
- ✓ The KCKPS Board of Education approved the refinancing of \$150 million of the district's \$235 million in General Obligation Bonds in 2020 saving the District more than \$30 million. The District has refinanced bonds on seven different occasions saving a total or more than \$36 million over the past 20 years. This refinancing improves the District's overall bond and interest budget cash flow and provides interest cost savings.

- ✓ KCKPS high school seniors received more than \$271 million in scholarships from 29 different colleges and universities through the District's Scholarship Initiative Program. There were over 12,600 scholarships impacting 1,271 students. The amounts of scholarships surpassed last year's award offers by more than \$151 million.
- ✓ Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools-USD 500 (KCKPS) was honored with the Commissioner's Award within the Kansans Can Star Recognition Program. The Commissioner's Award recognizes school districts that outperform their predicted postsecondary effectiveness rate above a .4 standard deviation. There are three levels of recognition for the Commissioner's Award and KCKPS received the award with Honors.
  - ✓ Commissioner's Award: .4 - .99 standard deviations
  - ✓ Commissioner's Award with Honors: 1-1.99 standard deviations
  - ✓ Commissioner's Award with Highest Distinction: 2 or more standard deviations.
- ✓ In 2020-21 school year, the Kansas City, Kansas Schools Foundation for Excellence's We Care We Act program help pay over \$19,000 in utilities, rent, electric, gas and internet connectivity for students and their families. The foundation also helped launch a new and innovative Educational Virtual Reality (E-VR) pilot program to help engage and enhance teaching and learning during the pandemic.
- ✓ The Kansas City, Kansas Schools Foundation for Excellence:
  - ✓ Raised over a half a million dollars to support various programs.
  - ✓ On August 7<sup>th</sup>, we partnered with various nonprofit and for-profit entities to host the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual back to school fair for all students in Wyandotte County. This year 2,400 students received starter kit school supplies and backpacks and 850 families received hygiene kits.
  - ✓ Invested over \$100,000 in Educational Virtual Reality headsets to pilot KCK Engage. A project to help increase student engagement and academic learning.
  - ✓ Raised \$125,000 during our annual Golf Tournament. The success of the tournament and other fundraising efforts will enable the Foundation to increase the scholarship amount from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for 12 fortunate students in 2022.
- ✓ The KCKPS Parents as Teacher's program was recognized by the Parents as Teachers National Center with the Losos Prize for Innovation as part of the Kansas City Area Parents as Teachers Consortium. The Losos Prize is the highest award given by the National Parents as Teachers Center.
- ✓ KCKPS Launched new Office of Equity and Inclusion to advance a diverse, equitable, and supportive school culture through its commitment to awareness, education, and action steps.
- ✓ Sumner Academy Ranked the number 1 school in the state of Kansas and was on the Washington Post's list of Top High Schools in America. Sumner was also

commended for their exceptionally high scores in Debate, Speech, Music and Theatre during the 2020-21 school year. One of thirty schools across selected in Kansas.

- ✓ Ranked #6 in the Nation
  - ✓ #1 High School in the State of Kansas
  - ✓ #1 High School in Kansas City Metro Area High School
  - ✓ #1 Kansas City Public Schools High Schools
  - ✓ #4 Magnet High School Nationally
- ✓ KCKPS IT Department deployed approximately 9,500 iPads, 10,000 Chromebooks and 6,000 MacBook Air's to ensure all students had access to the internet during the pandemic.
    - ✓ A total of 6,200 hotspots were delivered across the district to assist students with connectivity issues.

### **Challenges:**

- ✓ On-going efforts to shift the burden for equitable and adequate school funding away from the legislature, as mandated in the state constitution, and place it on local districts, exacerbating the divide between wealthy communities and the rest of the state, and making the quality of a child's education dependent on their zip code.
  - o Kansas City, Kansas has one of the lowest assessed-valuation rates in the metropolitan area.
  - o Kansas City, Kansas bears a disproportionate tax burden, relative to their neighbors in surrounding communities.
- ✓ The difficulty in maintaining a high-quality staff, in the face of recruitment from nearby districts, and most recently, other states with higher salary scales.
- ✓ Increasing the graduation rate, while ensuring all students that graduate are college and/or career ready.
- ✓ The increasing concentration of poverty within the community, which puts an even higher expectation on the district to make sure that all students have what they need to be successful.
- ✓ The average age of buildings in KCKPS, which is more than 55 years old, which creates enormous challenges, both with regular maintenance, and with updating facilities to meet the needs of the 21st Century.

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***Note: FTE is the audited enrollment 9/20 and 2/20 (if applicable) and estimated for the budget year, which includes 4yr old at-risk and virtual enrollment. Enrollment does not include non-funded preschool. Beginning 2017-18, full-day Kindergarten is 1.0 FTE. This information is used for calculating Amount Per Pupil for Sumexpen.xlsx and Budget At A Glance (BAG).***



## **KSDE Website Information Available**

### **K-12 Statistics (Building, District or State Totals) website below:**

[https://datacentral.ksde.org/report\\_gen.aspx](https://datacentral.ksde.org/report_gen.aspx)

- Attendance / Enrollment Reports
- Staff Reports
- Graduates / Dropouts Reports
- Crime / Violence Reports

### **School Finance Reports and Publications website below:**

<https://datacentral.ksde.org/default.aspx>

- Assessed Valuation
- Cash Balances
- Headcount Enrollment
- Mill Levies
- Personnel (Certified/Non-Certified)
- Salary Reports

### **Kansas Building Report Card website below:**

<http://ksreportcard.ksde.org/>

- Attendance Rate
- Graduation Rate
- Dropout Rate
- School Violence
- Assessments
  - Reading
  - Mathematics
  - Writing
- Graduates Passing Adv. Science Courses
- Graduates Passing Adv. Math Courses