

Board of Education Workshop
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
April 4, 2025 · 11:00 a.m.
Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center · Room 809
903 S. Edgemoor · Wichita KS



Wichita Public Schools will be the premier district of choice, and inspire each student and staff member to thrive and become future ready within the greater community.

1. Roll Call

2. Education

A. Kansas Education System Accreditation (KESA)

Contact(s): Gil Alvarez

Purpose: We will share and review the system accreditation process called Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) and focus on the School Improvement Model and the district's action plan which will be submitted to KSDE as part of this year's accreditation process. The title of the presentation is From Plan to Progress: A Collaborative Review of our KESA 2.0 Action Plan.

Recommendation: The presentation is for the Board's information and feedback.

B. Student Transportation Services Contract

Contact(s): Fabián Armendáriz, Lisa Riveros, Addi Lowell, Dan Lawrence, Jonathan Wyss

Funding Source: Multiple (Supplemental General, Special Education, Title, Athletics, Activity Funds, PTO/PTA, McKinney-Vento, other funds sources as warranted), 2025-26 Budget

Purpose: After soliciting the market through an extensive RFP process, it is recommended the District extend the Agreement with First Student for the next five school years to provide various required and requested student transportation services (e.g., regular education, required special education, ADA-504, McKinney-Vento, athletics, fine arts, various shuttle services, charter and activity bus services, etc.) at the annual increases of 27.5% year 1 (2025-26), 6% year 2 (2026-27), and 3% years 3-5 (2027-30).

For required regular education and special education home-to-school transportation, this estimated amount is governed by the volume of services needed to transport students to-and-from schools, and approved activity trips. Approximately 80% of special education transportation (IEP approved) audited expenditures are reimbursed to the District by the State of Kansas during the school year. The current five-year agreement with First Student was negotiated pre-COVID and is reflective of pricing during that time. This recommendation and rate increase for school years 2025-26 through 2029-30 are based upon projected service quantities, a 171 school-day calendar, and are on par with daily rates for other comparable districts post-pandemic.

Recommendation: The presentation is for the Board's information and will be brought back to the next regular board meeting, April 7, 2025 for approval under consent.

3. Adjournment