

2025-2026

USD 500 Budget Profile



Kansas City, KS Public Schools

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2025-2026 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, 28 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 North Star is that “By 2031, 100% of students who graduate will graduate with a Diploma+ credential, with no disparities in race or gender subgroups; and students will meet or exceed the average graduation rate of the state.” 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 Program or Career-Related Program; Acceptance into the Military; Completion of a Qualified Internship or Industry-Approved Project; An Approved Plan for Post-Secondary Transition.

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Superintendent:	Dr. Anna Stubblefield
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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 exits high school prepared for college and careers in a global society; 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

Accomplishments:

- ✓ 77% of our seniors graduated with a Diploma+
- ✓ All of our secondary schools received Restorative Practice training
- ✓ AVID was implemented in all high schools and middle schools as well as in two elementary
- ✓ All elementary grade-level teachers have received professional development for LETRS
- ✓ 75% of our schools saw growth in English Language Arts scores
- ✓ 55% of our schools saw an increase in Math scores
- ✓ All grade levels saw growth in English Language Arts scores
- ✓ 6 out of 7 of the grade levels saw growth in Math scores
- ✓ 100% of our Middle Schools saw growth in English Language Arts at the 6th Grade Level

- ✓ KCKPS high school seniors received more than \$295 million in scholarships from different colleges and universities through the District's Scholarship Initiative Program impacting 1,259 students. The amounts of scholarships surpassed last year's award offers by more than \$24 million.

- ✓ KCKPS Office of Equity and Inclusion advances a diverse, equitable, and supportive school culture through its commitment to awareness, education, and action steps.

- ✓ Sumner Academy of Arts and Science is Ranked the number 1 school in the state of Kansas.
 - ✓ Ranked #6 in the Nation
 - ✓ #1 High School in the State of Kansas
 - ✓ #1 High School in Kansas City Metro Area High Schools
 - ✓ #1 Kansas City Public Schools High Schools

- ✓ #4 Magnet High School Nationally
- ✓ KCKPS Technology Department provides a 1:1 student device model to ensure all students have access to up-to-date technology.
 - ✓ A total of 6,200 hotspots were delivered across the district to assist students with connectivity issues during the pandemic.

Challenges:

- ✓ Equitable and adequate public-school funding.
 - 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.

Supplemental Information for the Following Tables

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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 preschool-aged at-risk and virtual enrollment. Enrollment does not include non-funded preschool. Beginning 2017-2018, full-day Kindergarten is 1.0 FTE. Beginning 2021-2022, three-year-old at-risk students were funded. 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) Report Generator:

https://datacentral.ksde.gov/report_gen.aspx

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

School Finance Reports (Data Central) website below:

<https://datacentral.ksde.gov/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.gov/>

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

Accountability Reports website below:

<https://datacentral.ksde.gov/accountability.aspx>

- Performance Accountability Reports
- Financial Accountability Reports
- Longitudinal Achievement Reports