

NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOLS

2026 Legislative Agenda



Relentless Champions for All Students and Each Other

North Kansas City Schools' mission is to develop self-aware, authentically empowered, future-ready learners through a rich array of purposeful learning opportunities in collaborative communities of belonging that are:

- culturally affirming
- academically challenging
- experiential and exploratory

for each student.

NKC SCHOOLS BY THE NUMBERS



Second Largest School District in Missouri



21,746 Pre K-12 Students

3,964 Full-time Employees

98,476 Registered Voters

998 Children in School-Aged Child Care

1,160 Students at the Early Education Center



\$368.2 Million
Annual
Budget



29,151
Devices on
the District
Network



3,349,543
Meals
Served
Annually



163 Buses
Traveling
2.9 Million
Miles Annually



More than
3.7 Million
sq. ft. in
55 Facilities on
948 Acres



98.1% Graduation Rate

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jane Rinehart
President

Karee Gleason-Miller
Vice President

Joe Jacobs
Treasurer

Members

Susan Hines

Aryn Peters

Laura Wagner

Dr. Daniel Wartick



NORTH
KANSAS CITY
SCHOOLS
est. 1913

2000 NE 46th Street
Kansas City, Mo. 64116
(816) 321-5000
www.nkcschools.org

NKC SCHOOLS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2026

NKC SCHOOLS SUPPORTS:

- **Full Funding for Public Education**
Proper appropriations to fully fund both the Foundation Formula and the Transportation formula
- **Fair and Equitable Tax Distribution**
Fair and equitable distribution of both local and state tax revenues
- **Funding for SB 727 and SB 68**
Full funding for ALL provisions included in these bills
- **Early Childhood Education**
Continuation of statewide funding and resources for high quality Pre-K education
- **Work-Based Learning**
Continued resources for career-readiness programs and work-based learning opportunities
- **Universal Free Meals**
Statewide access to free school meals

NKC SCHOOLS OPPOSES:

- **Open Enrollment**
No statewide mandate requiring school systems to participate in any kind of Open Enrollment program
- **Charter School Expansion**
Any expansion of charter schools in Missouri
- **Diversion of Public School Funding**
Redirection of federal, state, county or city funds away from public schools through withholdings, tuition tax credits, scholarship tax credits, vouchers, or economic development incentives exceeding 50% without local school board approval
- **Tax Reductions without Replacement Revenue**
Property and personal property tax reductions unless a clear and reliable replacement revenue source is identified
- **Erosion of Local Control**
Any legislation that undermines the authority of locally elected school boards or diminishes the voice of local voters



Tammy Henderson

Executive Director of Community Relations and Governmental Affairs

Office: (816) 321-4800 | Cell: (816) 674-0113

tammy.henderson@nkcschools.org