KANSAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
K.S.A. 72-5178 ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT 2024-2025

Liberal USD 480

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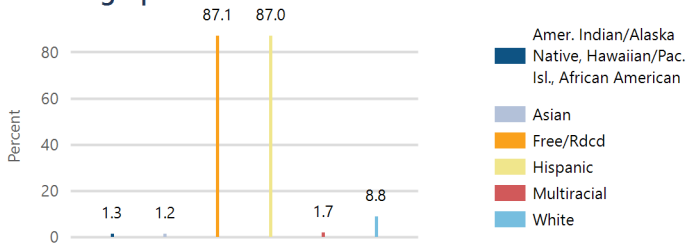
System Accreditation Status: **Accredited**
ESSA Annual Meaningful Differentiation: **Below**
Grades: **PK-12**
Superintendent: **Dane Richardson**

Demographics

4,653 Students

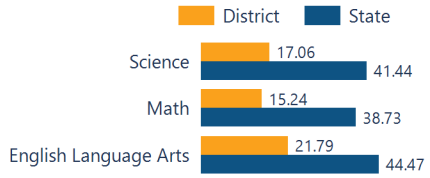


District Kansans Can Star Recognition

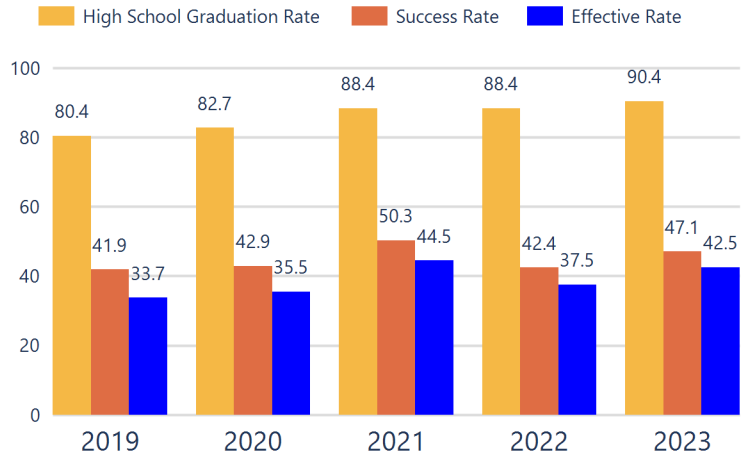
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Copper
Social-Emotional Growth				✶
Kindergarten Readiness				
Individual Plan of Study				
Academically Prepared for Postsecondary				
Civic Engagement				
High School Graduation				✶
Postsecondary Success				

Academically Prepared for Postsecondary Success

The percentage of students who scored at Levels 3 and 4 on the state assessment.



District Postsecondary Effectiveness



Kansans CAN lead the world!
Graduation **95%**
Effective Rate 70-75%

Five-Year Graduation Avg **86.1%**

Five-Year Success Avg **45.0%**

Five-Year Effective Avg **38.7%**

95% Confidence Interval for the Predicted Effectiveness Rate **32.5 - 38.4%**

The numerator and denominator in the Five-Year Averages contain total student counts over five years (2019-2023) and are rounded to the nearest whole number.

- **Graduation Rate:** The 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate is the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who entered high school as 9th graders four years earlier (adjusting for transfers in and out).
- **Success Rate**:A student must meet one of the four following outcomes within two years of High School graduation.
  1. Student earned an Industry Recognized Certification while in High School.
  2. Student earned a Postsecondary Certificate.
  3. Student earned a Postsecondary Degree.
  4. Student enrolled in Postsecondary in both the first and second year following High School graduation.
- **Effective Rate:** The calculated Graduation Rate multiplied by the calculated Success Rate.

GRADUATION RATE
The four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate is the percentage of students in a cohort, adjusted for transfers into and out of the school, district, or state, who graduate with a regular high school diploma within four years of entering high school.

91.1% State: 90.5

ATTENDANCE RATE
Rate at which students are present at school, not including excused or unexcused absences.

93.0% State: 92.8

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM
Percentage of students who miss 10% or more of school days per year either with or without a valid excuse.

20.5% State: 19.6

DROPOUT RATE
The dropout rate is calculated annually and reflects the number of seventh– twelfth grade students who drop out in any one school year. A dropout is any student who exits school between October 1 and September 30 with a dropout EXIT code AND does not re-enroll in school by September 30.

0.8% State: 1.2

District ESSA Operating Expenditures Per Pupil

Expenditures reflect those for the normal day-to-day operation of schools as reported by the Local Education Agency. The following expenditures are excluded: capital outlay, school construction and building improvements, equipment and debt services.

$14,704
State: $15,426

Click here for State Financial Accountability.

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District Academic Success

State Assessment scores are displayed by student subgroup over three years time in three subjects: Math, English Language Arts (ELA), and Science. Assessment scores are not available for the 2020 school year.

ALL STUDENTS

	2022-23			2023-24			2024-25		
	Math	ELA	Sci	Math	ELA	Sci	Math	ELA	Sci
Level 1	56.71	59.96	63.26	54.19	55.96	58.72	49.46	48.01	55.60
Level 2	32.42	28.96	24.67	33.23	30.62	27.48	35.28	30.19	27.33
Level 3	8.18	9.50	9.27	9.77	11.66	10.65	12.64	19.42	13.27
Level 4	2.67	1.56	2.78	2.79	1.74	3.13	2.60	2.37	3.79

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH STUDENTS

	2022-23			2023-24			2024-25		
	Math	ELA	Sci	Math	ELA	Sci	Math	ELA	Sci
Level 1	59.00	62.50	67.33	55.74	58.81	60.19	52.57	51.29	58.25
Level 2	31.82	28.16	24.00	33.20	30.12	27.10	34.79	30.17	27.70
Level 3	7.11	8.40	6.90	8.87	9.97	9.76	10.85	16.73	12.25
Level 4	2.06	0.93	1.75	2.18	1.07	2.93	1.76	1.79	1.77

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

	2022-23			2023-24			2024-25		
	Math	ELA	Sci	Math	ELA	Sci	Math	ELA	Sci
Level 1	78.61	86.43	87.40	81.31	81.00	82.96	79.30	83.09	70.87
Level 2	19.49	10.41	11.11	14.09	14.66	11.85	16.03	10.49	18.44
Level 3	0.62	3.15	0.74	4.26	4.00	2.96	3.79	4.95	6.79
Level 4	1.25	0.00	0.74	0.32	0.33	2.22	0.87	1.45	3.88

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS

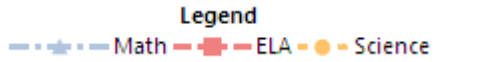
	2022-23			2023-24			2024-25		
	Math	ELA	Sci	Math	ELA	Sci	Math	ELA	Sci
Level 1	68.00	63.63	N/A	64.00	54.54	N/A	55.55	33.33	N/A
Level 2	32.00	22.72	N/A	28.00	18.18	N/A	29.62	44.44	N/A
Level 3	0.00	9.09	N/A	4.00	27.27	N/A	11.11	22.22	N/A
Level 4	0.00	4.54	N/A	4.00	0.00	N/A	3.70	0.00	N/A

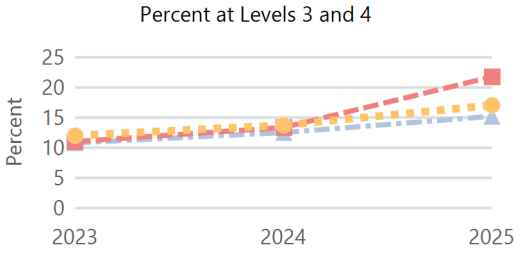
HISPANIC STUDENTS

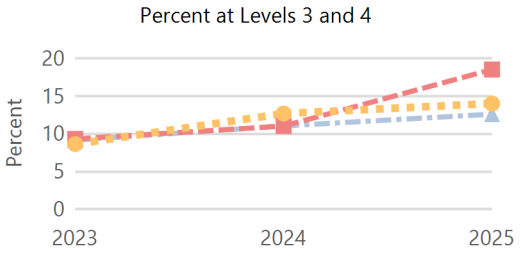
	2022-23			2023-24			2024-25		
	Math	ELA	Sci	Math	ELA	Sci	Math	ELA	Sci
Level 1	57.83	61.46	66.77	55.70	58.47	60.90	51.88	50.50	57.89
Level 2	32.27	28.67	22.88	33.46	29.86	26.34	34.30	29.81	27.40
Level 3	7.83	8.85	8.58	8.52	10.41	9.89	11.78	17.82	12.15
Level 4	2.05	1.00	1.76	2.30	1.24	2.86	2.02	1.85	2.54

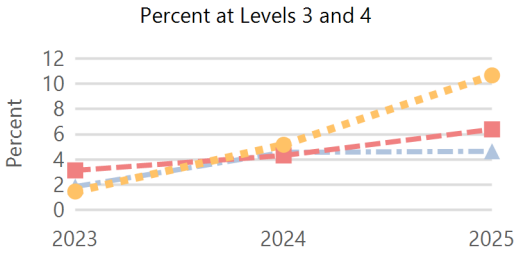
N/A: To protect student privacy, when a subgroup has fewer than 10 students, the data are not displayed.

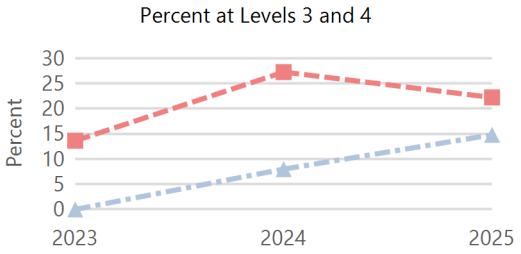
Academically Prepared for Postsecondary Success

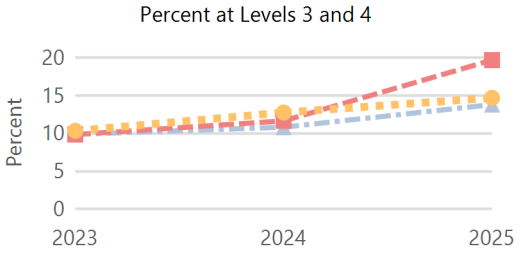




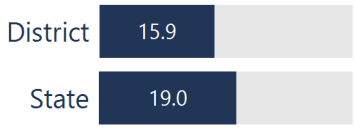








ACT Performance (2025 School Year)

ACT is a national college admissions exam that includes subject level tests in English, Math, Reading and Science. Students receive scores that range from 1 to 36 on each subject and an overall Composite score. This report provides the average Composite score for the 2025 graduating seniors who took the ACT as sophomores, juniors, or seniors.

Note: Not all eligible students completed an ACT.