

**Act on Distribution of FY 2023 Appropriations for
Technical Education (Excel in Career Technical
Education Initiative, AO-K Proviso and
Postsecondary Education Performance-Based
Incentives Fund)**

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Summary

The Excel in CTE Initiative provides state-financed college tuition for high school students in approved postsecondary technical education courses for students earning industry-recognized credentials in high-demand occupations. As was done last year, a proviso was applied to the appropriation requiring payments for this program to be made to the institutions within a specified timeframe for FY 2023. The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) met on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, and approved the distributions noted below for FY 2023. Staff recommends approval of the allocations, and requests authorization to make necessary subsequent technical corrections if errors are discovered. Staff will report back if any such corrections are needed.

Background

K.S.A. 72-3819, known as the Excel in CTE Initiative, provides state-financed college tuition for high school students in postsecondary technical education courses and incentives to school districts for students earning industry-recognized credentials in high-demand occupations. Funding for the initiative that reimburses colleges for the cost to deliver the programs is provided through an appropriation to the Board of Regents Office. The appropriation also provides a tuition subsidy for adults without a GED who are enrolled in tiered technical courses in designated Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K) approved pathways.

For FY 2023, the Board of Regents has available \$39.85 million for high school students' postsecondary tiered technical course tuition and for tuition for adults without a GED who are enrolled in tiered technical courses in designated Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K) approved pathways. Amounts noted in the tables below would commit \$33.7 million based on actual Academic Year 2022 enrollments and calculated tuition costs.

The Board of Regents also administers the Postsecondary Education Performance-Based Incentives Fund (known as the GED Accelerator Initiative). This fund provides incentives to eligible institutions—community colleges, technical colleges, and Washburn Institute of Technology—for adults seeking and earning a GED/high school equivalency diploma and/or an identified industry credential while enrolled in an eligible postsecondary technical education program. Eligible institutions can receive \$170 for each adult enrolled in a postsecondary technical program while pursuing a GED/high school equivalency diploma (\$150 of which must be used for the GED/high school equivalency tests), \$500 for each adult earning a GED/high school equivalency diploma, and \$1,000 for each adult earning an identified industry credential while enrolled in an eligible postsecondary technical education program.

FY 2023 Distributions

From the program's inception through FY 2021, funding for the tuition portion of the Excel in CTE program was distributed twice a year, based on student enrollments submitted to the Kansas Higher Education Data System by the institutions in special data collections specific to the programs. Funds were distributed in January based on Fall enrollment data and in June based on Spring enrollment data. The 2021 Legislature enacted a new proviso, which was repeated by the 2022 Legislature:

And provided further, That during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, not later than 60 days following the class start date, expenditures shall be made by the above agency from such account for tuition reimbursement.

To comply with this expenditure timing requirement, a change was required for the basis of how the funds are distributed, and when funds are distributed to institutions. Rather than increasing the number of data collections and making multiple payments throughout the semester to institutions with their multiple unique class start dates, the Board distributed FY 2022 funds based on institutions' share of the prior year enrollments in the relevant programs. This process makes the distribution of the state funds manageable for both the institutions and the Board Office and aligns with the methodology of most distributions.

August 8, 2022	Earliest Class Start Date Fall 2022 Semester
September 9, 2022	Deadline for College Presidents to Certify Academic Year 2022 Data
September 9-13, 2022	Board of Regents Staff Computes Tuition Costs for Affected Programs
September 14, 2022	Postsecondary Technical Education Authority Approves Distributions
September 15, 2022	Board of Regents Approves Distributions
October 7, 2022	Deadline for Payments to Colleges According to Legislative Proviso

Recommendation

Institutions submitted and certified their full Academic Year data collection last week, which includes enrollment data for the three relevant programs. Staff have reviewed the information submitted by the institutions and recommends approval of the amounts noted below and requests approval to make necessary technical corrections in the event an error is identified. The distribution amounts set forth in the following tables do not reflect the Board's assessment of each institution's performance pursuant to KSA 74-3202d (e) and thus the actual distribution to an institution, in accordance with the performance agreement process, may be less than the amount set forth in the tables for that institution.

Excel in Career Technical Education

Institution	FY 2022 Reconciliation Adjustment	FY 2023 Allocation	Net Distribution
Allen County Community College	(\$290,480)	\$570,183	\$279,703
Barton County Community College	(\$53,760)	\$358,690	\$304,930
Butler Community College	(\$177,898)	\$616,093	\$438,195
Cloud County Community College	\$13,619	\$346,583	\$360,202
Coffeyville Community College	(\$29,072)	\$1,240,184	\$1,211,112
Colby Community College	\$9,115	\$254,184	\$263,299
Cowley County Community College	\$29,352	\$1,008,971	\$1,038,323
Dodge City Community College	(\$69,764)	\$582,371	\$512,607
Flint Hills Technical College	\$65,910	\$2,083,907	\$2,149,817
Fort Scott Community College	\$47,628	\$772,236	\$819,864
Garden City Community College	\$204,849	\$664,257	\$869,106
Highland Community College	\$126,631	\$1,918,185	\$2,044,816
Hutchinson Community College	(\$189,929)	\$2,560,922	\$2,370,993
Independence Community College	(\$37,708)	\$181,509	\$143,801
Johnson County Community College	\$10,015	\$1,904,963	\$1,914,978
Kansas City Kansas Community College	\$79,834	\$3,073,673	\$3,153,507
Labette Community College	(\$100,793)	\$493,162	\$392,369
Manhattan Area Technical College	\$217,622	\$848,744	\$1,066,366
Neosho County Community College	\$24,669	\$1,739,707	\$1,764,376
North Central Kansas Technical College	(\$132,935)	\$418,159	\$285,224
Northwest Kansas Technical College	\$44,434	\$762,034	\$806,468
Pratt Community College	(\$26,250)	\$383,389	\$357,139
Salina Area Technical College	(\$143,570)	\$1,145,233	\$1,001,663
Seward County Community College	(\$234,115)	\$792,373	\$558,258
Washburn University Institute of Technology	(\$742,696)	\$4,710,922	\$3,968,226
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	(\$766,735)	\$5,891,347	\$5,124,612
Total	(\$2,122,027)	\$35,321,981	\$33,199,954

Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas

Institution	FY 2022 Reconciliation Adjustment	FY 2023 Allocation	Net Distribution
Allen County Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Barton County Community College	\$14,591	\$37,494	\$52,085
Butler Community College	\$21,135	\$33,500	\$54,635
Cloud County Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Coffeyville Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Colby Community College	(\$45,369)	\$68,355	\$22,986
Cowley County Community College	(\$48,625)	\$50,652	\$2,027
Dodge City Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Flint Hills Technical College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fort Scott Community College	(\$8,589)	\$0	(\$8,589)
Garden City Community College	(\$6,784)	\$1,416	(\$5,368)
Highland Community College	(\$34,902)	\$21,466	(\$13,436)
Hutchinson Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Independence Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Johnson County Community College	(\$5,434)	\$8,116	\$2,682
Kansas City Kansas Community College	\$5,176	\$34,016	\$39,192
Labette Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Manhattan Area Technical College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Neosho County Community College	\$1,734	\$1,734	\$3,468
North Central Kansas Technical College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Northwest Kansas Technical College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pratt Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salina Area Technical College	\$3,055	\$11,946	\$15,001
Seward County Community College	\$4,804	\$8,320	\$13,124
Washburn University Institute of Technology	(\$35,362)	\$100,168	\$64,806
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	\$51,080	\$181,829	\$232,909
Total	(\$83,490)	\$559,012	\$475,522

Postsecondary Education Performance-Based Incentives Fund – GED Accelerator

Institution	FY 2022 Reconciliation Adjustment	FY 2023 Allocation	Net Distribution
Allen County Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Barton County Community College	\$0	\$3,520	\$3,520
Butler Community College	\$0	\$4,350	\$4,350
Cloud County Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Coffeyville Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Colby Community College	\$0	\$21,050	\$21,050
Cowley County Community College	\$0	\$9,720	\$9,720
Dodge City Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Flint Hills Technical College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fort Scott Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Garden City Community College	\$0	\$1,840	\$1,840
Highland Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hutchinson Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Independence Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Johnson County Community College	\$0	\$3,850	\$3,850
Kansas City Kansas Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Labette Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Manhattan Area Technical College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Neosho County Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
North Central Kansas Technical College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Northwest Kansas Technical College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pratt Community College	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salina Area Technical College	\$0	\$5,670	\$5,670
Seward County Community College	\$0	\$170	\$170
Washburn University Institute of Technology	\$0	\$11,700	\$11,700
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	\$0	\$2,680	\$2,680
Total	\$0	\$64,550	\$64,550