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The 2021 Legislature enacted House Bill 2134, creating the Kansas Challenge to Secondary School Students Act, the “Kansas Challenge Act.” The 2021 legislation was codified in K.S.A. 72-3220, et seq.

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

K.S.A. 72-3221 states that the purpose of the Kansas Challenge Act is to provide a means that school districts, in cooperation with institutions of postsecondary education, may provide new and exciting challenges to secondary school students by encouraging such students to take full advantage of the wealth of postsecondary educational opportunities available in this state.

STUDENTS

Within the Act, students are defined as someone who:

- Is enrolled in grades 10, 11, or 12 in a school district, or a gifted student enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12;
- Has an individualized plan of study or an individualized education program;
- Has demonstrated the ability to benefit from participation in the regular curricula of a postsecondary institution;
- Has been authorized by the student’s principal to apply for enrollment at a postsecondary institution; and
- Is acceptable or has been accepted for enrollment at a postsecondary educational institution.

Foster Care Students

The 2021 legislation expanded the Kansas Foster Child Educational Assistance program to provide a tuition waiver for foster care students who are concurrently or dually enrolled in a postsecondary institution. In addition, school districts are authorized to pay for any costs that are not waived, including for fees, books, materials, and equipment. The definition of “eligible foster child” is amended to add a student, as defined by provisions of this bill, who has been in the custody of the Secretary for Children and Families and in foster care placement at any time the child was enrolled in grades 9 through 12.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Cost of Attendance

The bill allows school districts, at the discretion of the local boards of education, to pay for tuition, fees, books, materials, and equipment for any high school student who is

concurrently or dually enrolled at a postsecondary educational institution. The bill authorizes a local board of education to pay all or a portion of those costs directly to the postsecondary institution by the school district. Students or their families are required to pay any portion of the costs not covered by the school district. School districts are also authorized to provide transportation for concurrently or dually enrolled students.

Academic Credit

The bill requires postsecondary institutions to notify a student or a student's parent or guardian if the course in which a student is enrolled is not eligible for a systemwide transfer of college credit to another in-state postsecondary educational institution, as determined by the Board of Regents. The bill requires school districts to grant high school credit to concurrently or dually enrolled students who satisfactorily complete course work at a postsecondary institution.

In order to remain eligible for participation, the bill requires students to remain in good standing at the postsecondary institution in which they are enrolled or show satisfactory progress as determined by their school district.

Excel in CTE

The Kansas Challenge Act does not apply to technical education courses that are part of the Excel in Career Technical Education program (also known as "SB 155" courses) administered by the Board of Regents. Through this program, Kansas high school students qualify for state-funded college tuition in approved technical courses offered by Kansas technical and community colleges.

INSTITUTIONS

The bill amends the definition of "accredited independent institution" in the Kansas Challenge Act to include only not-for-profit postsecondary institutions and to specify the institution must be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency.

DATA COLLECTION

The Act requires each postsecondary institution that accepts students for concurrent or dual enrollment to submit a report to the Board, and that report must include, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) the number of students from each school district enrolled in the eligible postsecondary educational institution, including the number of students in the custody of the secretary for children and families;
- (2) the number of students who successfully complete the courses in which such students are enrolled at the eligible postsecondary educational institution;

- (3) the tuition rate charged for students compared to the tuition rate charged to individuals who are regularly enrolled and attending the eligible postsecondary educational institution; and
- (4) the amount and percentage of tuition each school district is paying pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3223, and amendments thereto.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CEP: A Concurrent Enrollment Partnership or CEP student refers to a person in grades 10, 11 or 12, or who is gifted and is in grade 9; has been admitted to an eligible postsecondary education institution as a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student; and is enrolled in college courses at a high school at which approved high school faculty teach college credit courses during the normal school day.

Dual-Enrolled Students: A high school student is considered to be dual enrolled who, in addition to taking a regular high school curriculum, is also enrolled in college level courses at a postsecondary institution.

KHEDS: Kansas Higher Education Data System. In response to the Kansas Higher Education Coordination Act, the Kansas Board of Regents developed the Kansas Postsecondary Database (KSPSD) to collect student data. KHEDS supports informed decision-making through the collection, analysis, and reporting of postsecondary education data in Kansas. KHEDS includes several collections including the Academic Year Collection, Fall Preliminary Enrollment Collection, Fall Census Day Collection (FA), and Follow up Collection (SU).

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 High School Enrollment and Tuition Charges on High School Students
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Postsecondary Institutions Having Student Tuition Payments
 Originating from a High School District

	Headcount	Credit Hours	Credit Hours Passed	Total Tuition	Amount of Tuition Paid by District	Tuition Rate per Credit Hour	Rate Paid by District	Percent of Tuition Paid by District
Public Universities								
Emporia State University	8	33	30	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$100	\$100	100.0%
University of Kansas	29	115	100	\$11,845	\$10,716	\$103	\$93	90.5%
Washburn University	170	934	818	\$150,374	\$118,188	\$161	\$127	78.6%
Public Universities Total	207	1,082	948	\$165,519	\$132,204	\$153	\$122	79.9%
Public Two-Year Colleges								
Allen Community College	31	410	360	\$25,010	\$11,975	\$61	\$29	47.9%
Butler Community College	7	21	18	\$2,037	\$1,967	\$97	\$94	96.6%
Cloud County Community College	234	1,381	1,291	\$106,437	\$82,674	\$77	\$60	77.7%
Cowley Community College	128	565	486	\$36,465	\$36,465	\$65	\$65	100.0%
Dodge City Community College	68	654	627	\$24,244	\$21,975	\$37	\$34	90.6%
Johnson County Community College	125	1,508	1,359	\$122,167	\$121,618	\$81	\$81	99.6%
Kansas City Kansas Community College	564	3,825	3,084	\$255,596	\$255,596	\$67	\$67	100.0%
Neosho County Community College	318	2,400	2,305	\$216,000	\$130,935	\$90	\$55	60.6%
Salina Area Technical College	22	162	162	\$14,418	\$14,240	\$89	\$88	98.8%
Seward County Community College	121	643	563	\$47,154	\$46,022	\$73	\$72	97.6%
Washburn Institute of Technology	24	37	34	\$5,624	\$5,020	\$152	\$136	89.3%
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	45	317	290	\$25,360	\$21,252	\$80	\$67	83.8%
Public Two-Year Colleges Total	1,687	11,923	10,579	\$880,512	\$749,739	\$74	\$63	85.1%



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Independent Institutions								
Baker University	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Benedictine College	134	581	569	\$58,100	\$58,100	\$100	\$100	100.0%
Central Christian College	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Friends University	134	2,400	2,252	\$119,950	\$119,950	\$50	\$50	100.0%
Independent Institutions Total	295	3,134	2,971	\$188,283	\$188,283	\$60	\$60	100.0%
Grand Total	2,189	16,139	14,498	\$1,234,314	\$1,070,226	\$76	\$66	86.7%

Source: KHEDS Academic Year Collection and Kansas Challenge Data Collection

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Institutions not listed in the table affirmed they had no payments to students' accounts originating from high school districts or reported

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The Kansas Challenge to Secondary School Students Act Report is published annually by the Kansas Board of Regents in response to K.S.A. 72-3220.

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Public Universities						
Emporia State University	63	279	33	\$100	\$100	\$100
Fort Hays State University	253	1,868	-	\$127	-	-
Kansas State University	204	1,389	-	\$130	-	-
Pittsburg State University	347	1,964	-	\$195	-	-
University of Kansas	347	1,838	115	\$103	\$103	\$93
Washburn University	946	5,858	934	\$164	\$161	\$127
Wichita State University	775	3,782	-	\$42	-	-
Public Universities Total	2,935	16,978	1,082		\$153	\$122



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Public Two-Year Colleges						
Allen Community College	1,212	10,222	410	\$61	\$61	\$29
Barton Community College	830	6,263	-	\$100	-	-
Butler Community College	1,632	17,931	21	\$65	\$97	\$94
Cloud County Community College	1,035	7,947	1,381	\$78	\$77	\$60
Coffeyville Community College	420	5,270	-	\$42	-	-
Colby Community College	539	4,816	-	\$137	-	-
Cowley Community College	756	8,055	565	\$65	\$65	\$65
Dodge City Community College	575	6,063	654	\$40	\$37	\$34
Flint Hills Technical College	2,622	10,008	-	\$77	-	-
Fort Scott Community College	823	8,416	-	\$50	-	-
Garden City Community College	624	5,925	-	\$62	-	-
Highland Community College	1,647	17,017	-	\$70	-	-
Hutchinson Community College	2,213	19,962	-	\$105	-	-
Independence Community College	346	3,473	-	\$65	-	-
Johnson County Community College	5,718	42,883	1,508	\$84	\$81	\$81
Kansas City Kansas Community College	1,597	18,308	3,825	\$70	\$67	\$67
Labette Community College	811	7,744	-	\$58	-	-
Manhattan Area Technical College	744	5,781	-	\$119	-	-
Neosho County Community College	913	9,581	2,400	\$90	\$90	\$55
North Central Kansas Technical College	570	3,782	-	\$114	-	-
Northwest Kansas Technical College	295	3,068	-	\$99	-	-



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Pratt Community College	466	4,039	-	\$66	-	-
Salina Area Technical College	855	7,909	162	\$86	\$89	\$88
Seward County Community College	741	7,197	643	\$81	\$73	\$72
Washburn Institute of Technology	778	14,712	37	\$150	\$152	\$136
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	4,088	33,554	317	\$80	\$80	\$67
Public Two-Year Colleges Total	32,850	289,926	11,923		\$74	\$63
Independent Institutions						
Baker University	725	3,205	^	\$113	^	^
Benedictine College	187	677	581	\$100	\$100	\$100
Central Christian College	61	258	^	\$65	^	^
Friends University	765	5,886	2,400	\$70	\$50	\$50
Independent Institutions Total	1,738	10,026	3,134		\$60	\$60
Grand Total	37,523	316,930	16,139		\$76	\$66

Source: KHEDS Academic Year Collection and Kansas Challenge Data Collection

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For Public Institutions, average tuition is calculated based on institution submissions of high school tuition for CEP and dually enrolled students reported in KHEDS. No tuition is charged for courses that qualify for Excel in CTE and starting in AY 2023, some Public Institutions began reporting no tuition charged for general education courses for high school students. Calculations exclude those credit hours.

Independent Institutions reported typical per credit hour charge for high school students.

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School District Name	School District	Credit Hours	Total Tuition	Amount of Tuition Paid by District	Tuition Rate per Credit Hour	Rate Paid by District	Percent of Tuition Paid by District
ARKANSAS CITY	D0470	463	\$29,835	\$29,835	\$64	\$64	100%
ASHLAND	D0220	101	\$4,722	\$4,650	\$47	\$46	99%
AUBURN WASHBURN	D0437	^	^	^	^	^	^
BASEHOR-LINWOOD	D0458	68	\$4,920	\$4,920	\$72	\$72	100%
BELLEVILLE	D0427	102	\$7,956	\$6,587	\$78	\$65	83%
BISHOP MIEGE HIGH SCHOOL	D1212	484	\$48,400	\$48,400	\$100	\$100	100%
BISHOP WARD HIGH SCHOOL	D1214	275	\$18,731	\$18,731	\$68	\$68	100%
BLUE VALLEY	D0229	1,387	\$112,366	\$111,931	\$81	\$81	100%
BONNER SPRINGS	D0204	^	^	^	^	^	^
BUCKLIN	D0459	144	\$4,089	\$4,067	\$28	\$28	100%
CHANUTE	D0413	892	\$80,280	\$48,168	\$90	\$54	60%
CHAPMAN	D0473	^	^	^	^	^	^
CIMARRON-ENSIGN	D0102	60	\$1,740	\$1,740	\$29	\$29	100%
CLAY CENTER	D0379	228	\$17,700	\$2,350	\$78	\$10	13%
CLIFTON-CLYDE	D0224	153	\$10,863	\$3,990	\$71	\$26	37%
CONCORDIA	D0333	21	\$1,512	\$1,469	\$72	\$70	97%



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CREST	D0479	5	\$450	\$450	\$90	\$90	100%
CUBA-HILLCREST	D0455	^	^	^	^	^	^
DODGE CITY	D0443	^	^	^	^	^	^
ELYRIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	D1229	93	\$6,045	\$6,045	\$65	\$65	100%
EMPORIA	D0253	33	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$100	\$100	100%
EUDORA	D0491	^	^	^	^	^	^
GARNETT	D0365	21	\$1,890	\$1,890	\$90	\$90	100%
GEARY COUNTY	D0475	841	\$65,598	\$65,598	\$78	\$78	100%
HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	D1246	186	\$11,346	\$5,175	\$61	\$28	46%
HIGHLAND	D0425	8	\$1,216	\$1,180	\$152	\$148	97%
HOLTON	D0336	^	^	^	^	^	^
INGALLS	D0477	^	^	^	^	^	^
IOLA	D0257	98	\$5,978	\$2,814	\$61	\$29	47%
JEFFERSON WEST	D0340	^	^	^	^	^	^
KANSAS CITY	D0500	3,418	\$227,277	\$227,277	\$66	\$66	100%
LANSING	D0469	20	\$1,480	\$1,480	\$74	\$74	100%
LAWRENCE	D0497	118	\$12,115	\$10,866	\$103	\$92	90%
LIBERAL	D0480	643	\$47,154	\$46,022	\$73	\$72	98%
MADISON-VIRGIL	D0386	21	\$2,037	\$1,967	\$97	\$94	97%



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MAIZE	D0266	245	\$19,600	\$19,600	\$80	\$80	100%
MARAIS DES CYGNES	D0456	123	\$7,503	\$3,803	\$61	\$31	51%
MAUR HILL PREP SCHOOL	D1264	97	\$9,700	\$9,700	\$100	\$100	100%
MINNEOLA	D0219	38	\$1,102	\$1,102	\$29	\$29	100%
MONTEZUMA	D0371	^	^	^	^	^	^
NESS CITY	D0303	^	^	^	^	^	^
NORTH OTTAWA CO.	D0239	18	\$1,404	\$1,404	\$78	\$78	100%
OLATHE	D0233	91	\$7,371	\$7,257	\$81	\$80	99%
OTTAWA	D0290	988	\$88,920	\$52,364	\$90	\$53	59%
OXFORD	D0358	^	^	^	^	^	^
PAOLA	D0368	13	\$1,170	\$1,170	\$90	\$90	100%
PIPER	D0203	12	\$884	\$884	\$74	\$74	100%
PRAIRIE VIEW	D0362	^	^	^	^	^	^
SALINA	D0305	^	^	^	^	^	^
SANTA FE	D0434	^	^	^	^	^	^
SEAMAN	D0345	33	\$5,313	\$3,442	\$161	\$104	65%
SHAWNEE HEIGHTS	D0450	19	\$2,741	\$2,741	\$144	\$144	100%
SOLOMON	D0393	162	\$14,418	\$14,240	\$89	\$88	99%
SPEARVILLE	D0381	272	\$10,874	\$8,950	\$40	\$33	82%
SPRING HILL	D0230	30	\$2,430	\$2,430	\$81	\$81	100%



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TONGANOXIE	D0464	16	\$2,216	\$2,020	\$139	\$126	91%
TOPEKA	D0501	884	\$142,324	\$112,009	\$161	\$127	79%
TURNER	D0202	23	\$1,644	\$1,644	\$71	\$71	100%
UDALL	D0463	99	\$6,435	\$6,435	\$65	\$65	100%
WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS	D0108	^	^	^	^	^	^
WELLSVILLE	D0289	476	\$42,840	\$26,563	\$90	\$56	62%
WICHITA	D0259	2,478	\$126,100	\$121,992	\$51	\$49	97%
ACCREDITED – NO DISTRICT	X0000	48	\$3,120	\$3,120	\$65	\$65	100%
Grand Total		16,139	\$1,234,314	\$1,070,226	\$76	\$66	86.7%

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 Institutions by Tuition Per Credit Hour Charges

	No Tuition	\$1 - \$25	\$26 - \$50	\$51 - \$75	\$76 - \$100	\$100+
Public Universities						
Emporia State University	-	-	-	-	63	-
Fort Hays State University	-	-	-	-	^	252
Kansas State University	18	-	-	-	^	185
Pittsburg State University	-	-	-	-	-	347
University of Kansas	-	-	-	^	^	340
Washburn University	-	-	-	-	6	940
Wichita State University	18	125	597	^	-	29
Public Universities Total	36	125	597	10	74	2,093
Public Two-Year Colleges						
Allen Community College	454	65	107	586	-	-
Barton Community College	172	27	70	320	55	186
Butler Community College	596	204	414	214	200	^
Cloud County Community College	171	42	85	96	639	^
Coffeyville Community College	193	37	178	5	5	^
Colby Community College	-	-	-	^	^	537
Cowley Community College	137	111	53	448	7	-
Dodge City Community College	174	35	353	7	^	^
Flint Hills Technical College	2,360	52	49	14	147	-
Fort Scott Community College	227	100	428	68	-	-
Garden City Community College	177	89	153	204	^	-
Highland Community College	396	110	243	759	30	109
Hutchinson Community College	560	102	328	53	1,163	7
Independence Community College	33	^	20	277	^	-



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Johnson County Community College	449	261	257	27	4,601	123
Kansas City Kansas Community College	356	247	151	816	24	^
Labette Community College	152	69	52	515	23	-
Manhattan Area Technical College	304	23	70	41	29	277
Neosho County Community College	341	71	52	17	431	^
North Central Kansas Technical College	212	^	13	57	13	271
Northwest Kansas Technical College	139	26	11	^	116	-
Pratt Community College	162	47	36	214	^	6
Salina Area Technical College	234	76	47	10	488	-
Seward County Community College	224	52	68	352	26	19
Washburn Institute of Technology	348	413	14	-	-	^
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	2,150	328	243	35	1,329	^
Public Two-Year Colleges Total	10,721	2,606	3,495	5,139	9,334	1,555
Grand Total	10,757	2,731	4,092	5,149	9,408	3,648

Source: KHEDS Academic Year Collection

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Data by Tuition Rate Group for Independent Institutions were not collected for AY 2023.

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