

2019-2020 Budget Profile



Kansas City Kansas Public Schools



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**2019-20 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, 29 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 goal is that “Each student will exit high school prepared for college and careers in a global society, and at every level, performance is on track and on time for success.” 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 Programme or Career-Related Programme; Acceptance into the Military; Completion of a Qualified Internship or Industry-Approved Project; An Approved Plan for Post-Secondary Transition.

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Key Staff

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| Superintendent: | Dr. Charles Foust |
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| Chief of Staff | Stephen Linkous |
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| Executive Director of School Support: | Dr. Kelli Charles |
| Instructional Improvement Officer: | Dr. Alicia Miguel |

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| Instructional Improvement Officer: | Dr. Troy Pitsch |
| Instructional Improvement Officer: | Terrence Sanders |
| Instructional Improvement Officer: | Dr. Kim Shaw |
| Instructional Improvement Officer: | Dr. Eva Tucker-Nevels |
| Director of Communications & Marketing: | Melissa Bedford Fears |
| Director of Curriculum: | Matthew Andersen |
| Director of Evaluation, Research and Assessment: | David Rand |
| Director of Finance: | Brad Isnard |
| Director of Special Education: | Dr. Michelle Colvin |
| Director of Student Services: | Lisa Garcia-Stewart |
| Clerk of the Board: | Susan Westfahl |

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 will exit high school prepared for college and careers in a global society, and 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

Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools Points of Pride

- ✓ 4,151 middle school students participated in unique college and career experiences.
- ✓ 2019 Total Dollars Awarded from KC Scholars: \$8,373,650
- ✓ Over \$79 million in scholarships earned by 2019 graduates.
- ✓ Whitney Morgan was selected as the 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year by the Kansas State Department of Education.
- ✓ Kauffman Foundation awarded \$200,000 grant to support Wyandotte High School in establishing common assessments, strong professional development structures and a culture of data-driven instruction across English language arts and math teams during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years

- ✓ Kauffman Foundation awarded \$185,000 to support the implementation of a comprehensive approach to address the social, emotional and behavioral needs of students at F.L. Schlagle High School during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years
- ✓ District held its first Honors Celebration to recognize the Valedictorians and Salutatorians of the five high schools
- ✓ District held its first ACT Celebration to honor those students who scored a 21 or higher on the ACT examination
- ✓ District offers paid, IT Summer Interns for the first time to give students real-world experience in information technology and a chance to earn cash during the summer.
- ✓ Two Schlagle students received the Honeywell Opportunity for Prosperity through Education (HOPE) Scholarship, which is designed to fast-track students' careers in the manufacturing industry.
- ✓ Sumner Academy is the #1 Ranked School in the state of Kansas according to the 2019 *U.S. News and World Report's Best High Schools* rankings.
- ✓ District debuted K-STEP UP, an exciting initiative that helps the district grow future teachers for the school district. This in a partnership with Kansas State University.
- ✓ Debate-Kansas City Power Rankings league winners were at the following schools: Arrowhead Middle School, Coronado Middle School, Rosedale Middle School, Sumner Academy of Arts & Science, J.C. Harmon High School and Sumner Academy of Arts & Science.
- ✓ District launches a new user- and mobile-friendly website on Earth Day.
- ✓ District release monthly bond update videos to keep voters up-to-date on projects associated with the 2016 no-tax-increase bond initiative.
- ✓ Sumner Academy's poetry team, Poetically Explosive, qualified for Brave New Voices National Poetry Competition in Las Vegas.
- ✓ A microgravity experiment by four students at the former Coronado Middle School was selected for the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program Kansas City, Kansas (SSEP KCK) Mission 13 Flight to the International Space Station (ISS). The experiment, which focuses on the Growth of Mint in Microgravity, was launched into outer space in July. Four Coronado students along with their 8th grade science teacher Erin Morley, and a team from KU GEAR UP, worked together on this once-in-a-lifetime experiment.
- ✓ Noble Prentis Elementary School received a new library. This new space was funded by a \$70,000 grant which was sponsored by the Big 12 Conference, College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation and the Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation.
- ✓ Washington High School's Air Force JROTC program was selected as "Outstanding Organization for 2018" by the United States Air Force

- ✓ Wyandotte High School completed their seventh year of partnership between KU Medical Center and the schools Health Academy to provide all Wyandotte students access to a School-Based Health Clinic, staffed by KU doctors, medical students and Wyandotte High School Health Academy Interns.
- ✓ Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools and KVC Hospitals are working together to provide training to the school district staff on how to support our students impacted by trauma. The training is made possible through a generous \$175,000 grant awarded to KCKPS by the Wyandotte Health Foundation.

Challenges:

- ✓ On-going efforts to shift the burden for equitable and adequate school funding away from the legislature, as mandated in the state constitution, and place it on local districts, exacerbating the divide between wealthy communities and the rest of the state, and making the quality of a child's education dependent on their zip code.
 - Kansas City, Kansas has one of the lowest assessed-valuation rates in the metropolitan area.
 - 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.