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## STATE UNIVERSITIES IN KANSAS RATED “BEST BUYS”

(TOPEKA) – A recent survey conducted by the Kansas Board of Regents compared the tuition and fee rates of Kansas’ six state universities to similar institutions in neighboring states for the recently concluded 2006-2007 academic year. The results of the survey demonstrate that tuition rates in Kansas are considerably lower than the rates in neighboring states.

- Kansans who attend Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, or Wichita State University, the state’s three research institutions, pay **\$831 or 15% less** than residents in neighboring states to attend similar institutions each year.
- Kansans who attend Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, or Pittsburg State University, the state’s three regional institutions, pay **\$818 or 23% less** than residents in neighboring states to attend similar institutions each year.

“A state university education in Kansas remains a great buy when compared to neighboring states,” said Nelson Galle, Chairman of the Kansas Board of Regents. “Take the state of Missouri for example, some students pay up to 53% more each year to attend a public school than a Kansan pays. Tuition rates have rapidly increased across the nation, but rates at our state’s universities continue to provide Kansans with an exceptional educational value.”

Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, and Wichita State University averaged \$5,482 for resident tuition and fees (15% below the research institution average) for the entire academic year, while the research institution average, derived from 11 similar institutions in Colorado, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, was \$6,313, or \$831 more per academic year.

Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, and Pittsburg State University averaged \$3,522 for resident tuition and fees (23% below the regional institution average) for the entire academic year, while the regional institution average, derived from 36 similar institutions in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, was \$4,340, or \$818 more per academic year.

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## TUITION & FEES COMPARISON OF NEIGHBORING STATES

2006-2007 Academic Year (Fall '06 & Spring '07 Semesters)

	<u>Tuition &amp; Fees*</u>	<u>\$ Comparison to Kansas</u>	<u>% Comparison to Kansas</u>
<b>RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS:</b>			
Missouri	\$7,828	\$2,346	43%
Iowa	\$5,898	\$416	8%
Nebraska	\$5,867	\$385	7%
<b>Kansas (KSU, KU, WSU)</b>	<b>\$5,482</b>	-	-
Colorado	\$5,180	-\$302	-6%
Oklahoma	\$5,054	-\$428	-8%
<b>Research Institution Average:</b>	<b>\$6,313</b>	<b>\$831</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>KSU, KU, WSU Average:</b>	<b>\$5,482</b>	-	-
<b>REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS:</b>			
Iowa	\$5,912	\$2,390	68%
Missouri	\$5,390	\$1,868	53%
Nebraska	\$4,322	\$800	23%
Colorado	\$3,865	\$343	10%
Oklahoma	\$3,645	\$123	3%
<b>Kansas (ESU, FHSU, PSU)</b>	<b>\$3,522</b>	-	-
<b>Regional Institution Average:</b>	<b>\$4,340</b>	<b>\$818</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>ESU, FHSU, PSU Average:</b>	<b>\$3,522</b>	-	-

\*Tuition and Fees Reflect Resident Undergraduate Rates

**Selected Student Charges for Undergraduates in Universities in  
Kansas and Neighboring States (2006-2007 Academic Year)**

**RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS**

	Resident Tuition and Fees	Nonresident Tuition and Fees
Kansas		
Kansas State University	\$5,779	\$15,514
University of Kansas	\$6,153	\$15,123
Wichita State University	\$4,515	\$11,862
<b>Kansas Average</b>	<b>\$5,482</b>	<b>\$14,166</b>
Nebraska		
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	<b>\$5,867</b>	<b>\$15,317</b>
Oklahoma		
Oklahoma State University	\$4,997	\$13,569
University of Oklahoma	\$5,110	\$13,399
<b>Oklahoma Average</b>	<b>\$5,054</b>	<b>\$13,484</b>
Missouri		
University of Missouri, Columbia	\$7,784	\$18,050
University of Missouri, Kansas City	\$7,659	\$17,925
University of Missouri, Rolla	\$7,899	\$18,165
University of Missouri, St. Louis	\$7,968	\$18,234
<b>Missouri Average</b>	<b>\$7,828</b>	<b>\$18,094</b>
Colorado		
Colorado State University	\$4,717	\$16,245
University of Colorado-Boulder	\$5,643	\$23,539
<b>Colorado Average</b>	<b>\$5,180</b>	<b>\$19,892</b>
Iowa		
Iowa State University	\$5,860	\$16,354
University of Iowa	\$5,935	\$18,159
<b>Iowa Average</b>	<b>\$5,898</b>	<b>\$17,257</b>

**Source:** Reported by The Higher Education Chronicle- Tuition and Fees database; original data from Collegeboard, 2006-07

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<b>Kansas</b>		
Emporia State University	\$3,586	\$10,938
Fort Hays State University	\$3,191	\$10,038
Pittsburg State University	\$3,790	\$11,120
Washburn University	\$5,312	\$11,972
<b>Kansas Average</b>	<b>\$3,970</b>	<b>\$11,017</b>
<b>Nebraska</b>		
Chadron State College	\$4,013	\$7,088
Peru State College	\$3,810	\$6,885
University of Nebraska-Kearney	\$4,654	\$8,727
University of Nebraska-Omaha	\$5,118	\$13,646
Wayne State College	\$4,013	\$7,088
<b>Nebraska Average</b>	<b>\$4,322</b>	<b>\$8,687</b>
<b>Oklahoma</b>		
Cameron University	\$3,432	\$8,310
East Central University	\$3,498	\$8,478
Lincoln University	\$5,123	\$8,952
Northeastern State University	\$3,489	\$8,589
Northwestern Oklahoma State University	\$3,451	\$8,551
Oklahoma Panhandle State University	\$3,521	\$8,021
Rogers State University	\$3,300	\$7,860
Southeastern Oklahoma State University	\$3,574	\$8,846
Southwestern Oklahoma State University	\$3,450	\$7,950
University of Central Oklahoma	\$3,539	\$8,924
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma	\$3,720	\$8,820
<b>Oklahoma Average</b>	<b>\$3,645</b>	<b>\$8,482</b>
<b>Missouri</b>		
Central Missouri State University	\$5,835	\$11,250
Harris Stowe State College	\$4,910	\$9,333
Lincoln University	\$5,123	\$8,952
Missouri Southern State College	\$4,096	\$7,996
Missouri State University	\$5,738	\$10,658
Missouri Western State College	\$5,168	\$9,008
Northwest Missouri State University	\$6,045	\$10,290
Southeast Missouri State University	\$5,505	\$9,630
Truman State University	\$6,092	\$10,522
<b>Missouri Average</b>	<b>\$5,390</b>	<b>\$9,738</b>

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Colorado		
Adams State College	\$3,171	\$9,597
Colorado State University-Pueblo	\$4,190	\$14,758
Fort Lewis College	\$3,356	\$14,024
Mesa State College	\$3,548	\$10,766
Metropolitan State College of Denver	\$3,040	\$10,989
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	\$5,114	\$16,348
University of College-Denver	\$5,064	\$16,934
University of Northern Colorado	\$3,950	\$12,530
Western State College of Colorado	\$3,351	\$11,909
<b>Colorado Average</b>	<b>\$3,865</b>	<b>\$13,095</b>
Iowa		
University of Northern Iowa	<b>\$5,912</b>	<b>\$13,830</b>

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