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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. (the 2021 legislation amended the then-existing Kansas challenge to secondary school pupils act).

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 Act 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 Act 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 Act 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 Act defines "accredited independent institution" 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
 for Whom Postsecondary Tuition Was Paid by School District

Table 1: Postsecondary Institutions Having Student Tuition Payments
 Originating from a High School District

Kansas Challenge Students	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	7	21	21	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$100	\$100	100.0%
University of Kansas	50	303	243	\$31,209	\$28,369	\$103	\$94	90.9%
Washburn University	149	906	854	\$153,621	\$97,527	\$170	\$108	63.5%
Public Universities Total	206	1,230	1,118	\$186,930	\$127,996	\$152	\$104	68.5%
Two Year Institutions								
Allen Community College	31	432	411	\$36,380	\$12,667	\$84	\$29	34.8%
Butler Community College	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Cloud County Community College	310	2,024	1,754	\$155,802	\$134,337	\$77	\$66	86.2%
Cowley Community College	126	561	490	\$36,465	\$35,980	\$65	\$64	98.7%
Dodge City Community College	150	823	803	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$55	\$55	100.0%
Flint Hills Technical College	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Johnson County Community College	125	2,012	1,751	\$163,758	\$163,758	\$81	\$81	100.0%
Kansas City Kansas Community College	764	5,949	4,998	\$394,591	\$394,591	\$66	\$66	100.0%
Neosho County Community College	349	2,799	2,624	\$260,307	\$117,092	\$93	\$42	45.0%
Salina Area Technical College	13	45	42	\$4,275	\$4,275	\$95	\$95	100.0%
Seward County Community College	157	1,074	929	\$85,517	\$84,892	\$80	\$79	99.3%
Washburn Institute of Technology	17	42	40	\$6,384	\$4,305	\$152	\$103	67.4%



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Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	68	445	364	\$29,351	\$27,691	\$66	\$62	94.3%
Two Year Institutions Total	2,118	16,230	14,230	\$1,220,278	\$1,027,036	\$75	\$63	84.2%
Independent Institutions								
Baker University	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Benedictine College	113	760	742	\$76,000	\$76,000	\$100	\$100	100.0%
Donnelly College	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Friends University	140	2,511	2,392	\$126,100	\$126,100	\$50	\$50	100.0%
Hesston College	8	32	32	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$203	\$203	100.0%
University Of St.Mary	12	48	48	\$4,410	\$4,410	\$92	\$92	100.0%
Independent Institutions Total	279	3,410	3,267	\$217,693	\$217,693	\$64	\$64	100.0%
Grand Total	2,603	20,870	18,615	\$1,624,901	\$1,372,725	\$78	\$66	84.5%

Source: KHEDS Academic Year Collection and Kansas Challenge Data Collection

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Table 2: Comparison Between Tuition Rates Charged to All High School Students
 and Those with District Payments

	Headcount - All High School Students	Credit Hours - All High School Students	Credit Hours - With District Payments	Tuition Rate - Average High School Rate	Tuition Rate - Charged to Students with District Payments	Rate Paid by District
Public Universities						
Emporia State University	71	381	21	\$104	\$100	\$100
Fort Hays State University	329	2,945	-	\$127	-	-
Kansas State University	344	1,956	-	\$111	-	-
Pittsburg State University	322	1,811	-	\$206	-	-
University of Kansas	453	2,730	303	\$105	\$103	\$94
Washburn University	895	6,017	906	\$175	\$170	\$108
Wichita State University	1,048	5,112	-	\$34	-	-
Public Universities Total	3,462	20,952	1,230		\$152	\$104
Two Year Institutions						
Allen Community College	1,219	10,631	432	\$83	\$84	\$29
Barton Community College	962	7,299	-	\$111	-	-
Butler Community College	1,674	18,464	^	\$66	^	^
Cloud County Community College	1,120	9,142	2,024	\$77	\$77	\$66
Coffeyville Community College	395	4,756	-	\$52	-	-
Colby Community College	565	5,156	-	\$142	-	-
Cowley Community College	790	7,869	561	\$66	\$65	\$64



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Dodge City Community College	588	6,691	823	\$45	\$55	\$55
Flint Hills Technical College	2,317	10,850	^	\$76	^	^
Fort Hays Tech North Central	595	3,767	-	\$114	-	-
Fort Hays Tech Northwest	355	4,042	-	\$99	-	-
Fort Scott Community College	829	8,586	-	\$45	-	-
Garden City Community College	708	6,457	-	\$61	-	-
Highland Community College	1,604	16,411	-	\$104	-	-
Hutchinson Community College	2,433	21,784	-	\$105	-	-
Independence Community College	374	3,106	-	\$73	-	-
Johnson County Community College	6,143	47,128	2,012	\$83	\$81	\$81
Kansas City Kansas Community College	1,782	21,067	5,949	\$67	\$66	\$66
Labette Community College	869	8,151	-	\$58	-	-
Manhattan Area Technical College	745	5,506	-	\$127	-	-
Neosho County Community College	959	10,737	2,799	\$93	\$93	\$42
Pratt Community College	454	3,891	-	\$69	-	-
Salina Area Technical College	904	8,503	45	\$90	\$95	\$95
Seward County Community College	823	9,386	1,074	\$90	\$80	\$79



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Washburn Institute of Technology	809	16,268	42	\$154	\$152	\$103
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	4,526	36,016	445	\$80	\$66	\$62
Two Year Institutions Total	34,542	311,663	16,230		\$75	\$63
Independent Institutions						
Baker University	763	3,313	^	\$118	^	^
Benedictine College	159	760	760	\$100	\$100	\$100
Donnelly College	47	252	^	\$75	^	^
Friends University	828	6,210	2,511	\$53	\$50	\$50
Hesston College	8	32	32	\$100	\$203	\$203
University Of St.Mary	141	1,164	48	\$87	\$92	\$92
Independent Institutions Total	1,946	11,731	3,410		\$64	\$64
Grand Total	39,950	344,346	20,870		\$78	\$66

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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	444	\$28,860	\$28,470	\$65	\$64	98.6%
ASHLAND	D0220	87	\$5,220	\$5,220	\$60	\$60	100.0%
AUBURN WASHBURN	D0437	24	\$4,056	\$4,056	\$169	\$169	100.0%
BASEHOR-LINWOOD	D0458	56	\$3,876	\$3,876	\$69	\$69	100.0%
BELLEVILLE	D0427	^	^	^	^	^	^
BISHOP MIEGE HIGH SCHOOL	D1212	619	\$61,900	\$61,900	\$100	\$100	100.0%
BISHOP WARD HIGH SCHOOL	D1214	243	\$17,013	\$17,013	\$70	\$70	100.0%
BLUE VALLEY	D0229	1,856	\$150,336	\$150,336	\$81	\$81	100.0%
BONNER SPRINGS	D0204	12	\$898	\$898	\$75	\$75	100.0%
BUCKLIN	D0459	101	\$3,030	\$3,030	\$30	\$30	100.0%
CENTRAL HEIGHTS	D0288	^	^	^	^	^	^
CHANUTE	D0413	1,141	\$106,113	\$47,922	\$93	\$42	45.2%
CIMARRON-ENSIGN	D0102	156	\$8,820	\$8,820	\$57	\$57	100.0%
CLAY CENTER	D0379	170	\$12,948	\$2,040	\$76	\$12	15.8%
CLIFTON-CLYDE	D0224	159	\$11,289	\$4,003	\$71	\$25	35.5%
CREST	D0479	^	^	^	^	^	^
DIGHTON	D0482	^	^	^	^	^	^
DODGE CITY	D0443	^	^	^	^	^	^
EMPORIA	D0253	21	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$100	\$100	100.0%



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EUDORA	D0491	^	^	^	^	^	^
FT. LEAVENWORTH	D0207	18	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$100	\$100	100.0%
GARNETT	D0365	18	\$1,674	\$1,674	\$93	\$93	100.0%
GEARY COUNTY	D0475	1,534	\$119,028	\$118,980	\$78	\$78	100.0%
GREENSBURG	D0422	18	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$60	\$60	100.0%
HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	D1246	304	\$25,840	\$7,183	\$85	\$24	27.8%
HESSTON	D0460	32	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$203	\$203	100.0%
HIGHLAND	D0425	18	\$2,736	\$1,958	\$152	\$109	71.6%
INGALLS	D0477	24	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$60	\$60	100.0%
IOLA	D0257	^	^	^	^	^	^
JETMORE	D0227	87	\$5,220	\$5,220	\$60	\$60	100.0%
KANSAS CITY	D0500	5,613	\$371,289	\$371,289	\$66	\$66	100.0%
KINSELY-OFFERLE	D0347	67	\$4,020	\$4,020	\$60	\$60	100.0%
LANSING	D0469	20	\$1,450	\$1,450	\$73	\$73	100.0%
LAWRENCE	D0497	303	\$31,209	\$28,369	\$103	\$94	90.9%
LEBO-WAVERLY	D0243	^	^	^	^	^	^
LIBERAL	D0480	1,075	\$85,610	\$84,985	\$80	\$79	99.3%
MADISON-VIRGIL	D0386	21	\$2,163	\$2,163	\$103	\$103	100.0%
MAIZE	D0266	297	\$24,651	\$24,236	\$83	\$82	98.3%



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MARAIS DES CYGNES	D0456	76	\$6,460	\$2,903	\$85	\$38	44.9%
MAUR HILL PREP SCHOOL	D1264	141	\$14,100	\$14,100	\$100	\$100	100.0%
MEADE	D0226	^	^	^	^	^	^
MINNEOLA	D0219	117	\$6,510	\$6,510	\$56	\$56	100.0%
MONTEZUMA	D0371	99	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$60	\$60	100.0%
NORTH OTTAWA CO.	D0239	18	\$1,383	\$1,255	\$77	\$70	90.7%
OLATHE	D0233	156	\$13,422	\$13,422	\$86	\$86	100.0%
OSAWATOMIE	D0367	6	\$558	\$558	\$93	\$93	100.0%
OTTAWA	D0290	1,267	\$117,831	\$48,146	\$93	\$38	40.9%
OXFORD	D0358	^	^	^	^	^	^
PAOLA	D0368	10	\$930	\$760	\$93	\$76	81.7%
PIPER	D0203	^	^	^	^	^	^
PLEASANTON	D0344	^	^	^	^	^	^
REPUBLIC COUNTY SCHOOLS	D0109	137	\$10,686	\$7,655	\$78	\$56	71.6%
ROSE HILL	D0394	^	^	^	^	^	^
RURAL VISTA	D0481	^	^	^	^	^	^
SANTA FE	D0434	^	^	^	^	^	^
SEAMAN	D0345	56	\$9,464	\$5,663	\$169	\$101	59.8%
SHAWNEE HEIGHTS	D0450	27	\$3,303	\$3,303	\$122	\$122	100.0%



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SOLOMON	D0393	42	\$3,990	\$3,990	\$95	\$95	100.0%
TONGANOXIE	D0464	^	^	^	^	^	^
TOPEKA	D0501	817	\$138,529	\$86,236	\$170	\$106	62.3%
TURNER	D0202	79	\$5,990	\$5,990	\$76	\$76	100.0%
UDALL	D0463	114	\$7,410	\$7,410	\$65	\$65	100.0%
WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS	D0108	^	^	^	^	^	^
WELLSVILLE	D0289	351	\$32,643	\$17,474	\$93	\$50	53.5%
WESTERN PLAINS	D0106	54	\$3,240	\$3,240	\$60	\$60	100.0%
WICHITA	D0259	2,659	\$130,800	\$129,555	\$49	\$49	99.0%
WOODSON	D0366	^	^	^	^	^	^
Grand Total		20,870	\$1,624,901	\$1,372,725	\$78	\$66	84.5%

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Table 4: Headcount of All High School Students Attending Postsecondary Institutions
 by Tuition Per Credit Hour Charges

	\$0	\$1 - \$25	\$26 - \$50	\$51 - \$75	\$76 - \$100	\$100+
Public Universities						
Emporia State University	-	-	^	^	62	^
Fort Hays State University	-	-	-	-	8	321
Kansas State University	139	-	^	^	^	198
Pittsburg State University	-	-	-	-	-	322
University of Kansas	-	-	-	-	^	452
Washburn University	-	-	-	-	-	895
Wichita State University	53	204	725	48	^	^
Public Universities Total	192	204	727	58	75	2,206



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Two Year Institutions						
Allen Community College	394	32	109	148	536	-
Barton Community College	168	32	66	302	103	291
Butler Community College	668	146	402	282	102	74
Cloud County Community College	167	70	127	76	679	^
Coffeyville Community College	195	23	115	27	15	20
Colby Community College	-	-	-	57	25	483
Cowley Community College	148	112	50	472	8	-
Dodge City Community College	221	46	149	170	^	^
Flint Hills Technical College	2,057	59	67	22	111	^
Fort Hays Tech North Central	233	21	40	28	^	269
Fort Hays Tech Northwest	141	54	^	-	149	-
Fort Scott Community College	296	53	418	58	^	^
Garden City Community College	231	103	123	248	^	-
Highland Community College	372	64	165	203	203	597
Hutchinson Community College	627	144	401	58	1,187	16
Independence Community College	43	19	31	255	8	18
Johnson County Community College	553	296	263	40	4,874	117
Kansas City Kansas Community College	382	285	114	976	13	12
Labette Community College	201	89	74	492	13	-



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Neosho County Community College	338	92	64	24	438	^
Pratt Community College	163	39	31	204	-	17
Salina Area Technical College	301	76	46	14	466	^
Seward County Community College	125	36	106	278	230	48
Washburn Institute of Technology	470	333	^	-	-	^
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	2,428	350	275	46	1,425	^
Two Year Institutions Total	11,215	2,594	3,315	4,530	10,602	2,286



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Independent Institutions						
Baker University	-	-	-	-	-	763
Benedictine College	-	-	-	-	159	-
Donnelly College	-	-	-	47	-	-
Friends University	44	-	284	500	-	-
Hesston College	-	-	-	-	8	-
University Of St.Mary	-	-	-	-	141	-
Independent Institutions Total	44	0	284	547	308	763
Grand Total	11,451	2,798	4,326	5,135	10,985	5,255

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Academic Year 2024 Kansas Challenge Act Report Notes:

For All Tables:

1. 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.
2. For AY 2024, only 1 institution reporting district payments affirmed district payments were distributed to students in the custody of the Secretary for Children and Families.
3. Report Number: #3950

Table 1:

1. Institutions not listed affirmed they had no payments to students' accounts originating from high school districts or reported no high school enrollment.

Table 2:

1. Public Institutions average tuition is calculated based on institution submissions of high school tuition for CEP and dually enrolled students reported in KHEDS.
 - a. 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. The calculations for the average high school tuition rate exclude those credit hours.
 - b. Institutions may charge a tuition rate and then give the students a waiver or reduction that would not otherwise be in this calculation. For example, Pittsburg State University (PSU) gives their dually enrolled students a waiver after the students account is charged; in Academic Year 2024, the amount typically paid by high school students attending PSU was \$111 per credit hour.
2. Independent Institutions reported typical per credit hour charge for high school students.

Table 4:

1. Public Institutions average tuition is calculated based on institution submissions of high school tuition for CEP and dually enrolled students reported in KHEDS. The headcount data reported here may include students who qualify for Excel in CTE or other discounted rates.