

Academic Pathways	Present in the State		Special Efforts to Reach Underserved Students		State Support	
Advanced Placement (AP)	Yes	AP is present, but not at all high schools.	Yes	Low-income students	Yes	From 2001-2004, KS had an Advanced Placement Incentive Program grant.
Bridge Programs	Yes	At several institutions but not statewide	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latino(a) students • Low-income students • Racial and ethnic minority students • Special populations 	No	
College Level Exam Program (CLEP)	Yes	Most postsecondary institutions are involved in CLEP.	No		No	
Distance Learning/ Virtual School	Yes	KS has both distance learning and a virtual school within colleges and universities. In 2003, 3 state universities combined efforts with community colleges to offer programs for upper-level students in western KS.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latino(a) students • Rural students • Students who are place-bound • Working adults who cannot commute to a school 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The KS Board of Regents policies and procedures guide access to upper-level higher education in western KS. • State provides funding through normal appropriations on a per pupil basis. The state provides some funding for the western KS access programs.
<u>Dual Credit/ Dual Enrollment</u>	Yes	Called concurrent enrollment. High school juniors and seniors are eligible to participate with permission to enroll granted by the high school principal. Carried out in various ways (2+2, 2+4), allowing students to finish high school with an associate degree.	No	Open to all students but differs by district	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kansas Board of Regents, after extensive inclusion on the part of the entire Kansas postsecondary system, did re-evaluate policies and procedures on concurrent enrollment and authorized new, updated policy on May 18, 2005. • State provides support through vocational education funding, but tuition and other costs are borne by students.
Early or Middle College High Schools	No		No		No	

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GED in College Settings	Yes	Statewide GED is administered by the Board of Regents' office.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESL students • Low-income students • Racial and ethnic minority students 	Yes	KSA 71-617 and others; KS Board of Regents policies govern funding, qualification for services, and quality of services.
International Baccalaureate (IB)	Yes	4 high schools participating, mostly in the Kansas City area	No		Yes	State legislation and policy
Tech Prep	Yes	A 4-year sequence of study beginning in the 11th grade and continuing through 2 years of postsecondary occupational education, culminating in a certificate or associate degree. About 14-15,000 students enrolled statewide; mostly occurs at community colleges but also at many high schools	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial and ethnic minority students • Low-income students • Special populations 	Yes	KS State Board of Education and KS Board of Regents have written guidelines for implementation.

Summary of academic pathways:

Kansas officials report various academic pathways facilitate the identification of a career interest and college credit. In 2004, the Kansas Department of Education and the Board of Regents began working more closely on various issues including high school students' transition to college. The Kansas Board of Regents is currently re-evaluating policies and procedures related to concurrent enrollment.

P-12 priorities vary across the state because they differ by district. Concurrent enrollment has existed for more than 10 years and evolved over that time to the different ways it is implemented today. Kansas hopes to be a part of the national trend that provides a quality concurrent enrollment experience. Other priorities in Kansas are Qualified Admissions (QA) Pre-College curriculum and the P-16 Pathways Project, the P-16 Pathways Project, which formed the Secondary-Postsecondary Transition Council, is led by the Kansas Board of Regents and the Kansas Department of Education and the Kansas Department of Education. Kansas has new performance funding called "performance agreements" in which all 37 postsecondary institutions are required to enter into a contract with the Kansas Board of Regents to target statewide goals. Institutions can propose goals for reaching the underserved student populations they wish to serve.

State's effort to encourage college prep curriculum:

Completion of the [Qualified Admissions \(QA\) Pre-College curriculum](#) (with a prescribed minimum GPA) guarantees admission to a Regent's University. The QA curriculum consists of courses in English, Math, Natural Science, Social Sciences, and Computer Technology.

Interesting or unique models identified by state officials:



- Distance Learning
- International Baccalaureate

Observations by state officials about special efforts to reach underserved students:

Five pathways are found to make special efforts to reach underserved students including bridge programs, Tech Prep, AP, distance learning, and GED in college settings. The students served by these pathways vary but include racial and ethnic minority students, particularly Latino(a), and low-income, ESL, and rural students.

Observations by state officials about state support for pathways:

Six academic pathways are supported by state policy, four by legislation, and four by state funding. AP has the most financial support because of a federal grant to increase the number of AP offerings and subsidize exam fees. However, this 3-year grant expired in 2004. Kansas does not mandate that local districts implement any of the particular pathways, but if a pathway is implemented it must be accessible to all students.

Lessons learned by state officials:

- Encourage districts to explore opportunities to help all students be successful, despite the unique needs of different student groups.
- Give as many opportunities for districts to be successful as the state can handle.

Programs recommended by state officials:

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