

Kansas State Profile

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State profiles for the data visualization and 50-State Comparison on postsecondary governance structures summarize information about coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards, administrative/service agencies, advisory groups and membership organizations. The most in-depth information is provided for statewide and major postsecondary systemwide coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards.

Note: This resource does not include information related to setting tuition rates, administering funding formulas or allocating funds. The state profile information is based primarily on statutes, codes and state and postsecondary system board/agency policies. To the extent possible, Education Commission of the States reached out to state and system officials to verify our information.

State Overview

The Kansas Board of Regents serves as the governing board for the state’s six universities and the coordinating board for the state’s other 32 public higher education institutions, including state universities, a municipal university, community colleges and technical colleges. In addition, the board authorizes private proprietary schools to operate in Kansas. The board appoints the executive director. The board’s system office provides various services and administers programs, including student financial aid and career and technical education. While some of the state universities governed by the Board of Regents have multiple campuses, the institutions do not have local governing boards. However, the institutions coordinated by the Regents are also governed by local boards.

Data Point	Description
Single Statewide Coordinating or Governing Board/Agency	
Single Statewide Coordinating Board (or Agency) or Governing Board for All Public Higher Education	Yes
Statewide and Major Systemwide Coordinating Boards (or Agency) or Governing Boards	
Entity Name	Kansas Board of Regents (Governing)
Entity Function	Governing and coordinating
Scope of Authority	Statewide



Data Point	Description
Legal Authority	Constitutional
Legal Authority Notes	Details of the Board or Regents' legal authority reside in statutes.
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year
Type of Institutions Notes	The Kansas Board of Regents governs public four-year state universities, and coordinates public four-year state universities, a public four-year municipal university and public two-year community colleges and technical colleges.
Primary Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Administer state financial aid programs and/or loans - Advise and/or provide recommendations to state policy and education leaders - Approve or administer bonds - Approve or oversee interstate compacts and reciprocity agreements (e.g., SARA, tuition agreements) - Approve presidential hiring and/or compensation - Approve institutional missions - Conduct policy research and analysis - Determine and/or regulate courses of study - Develop and/or administer academic policies or programs (e.g., admissions, transfer) - Develop master/strategic plans for state or system - Develop and/or oversee accountability or performance measures - Engage in statewide or systemwide policy planning - Ensure system/institutional efficiencies - Ensure academic program and/or institutional quality - Govern systems and/or institutions - License or Approve/authorize specified institutions - Promote or advocate for institutions - Recommend or approve establishing, merging or closing institutions - Review existing academic programs



Data Point	Description
	- Review or approve facility/capital construction plans
Primary Responsibilities Notes	The Kansas Board of Regents are responsible for setting policies and taking action related to state financial aid programs and the system office staff administers the programs on the board's behalf. The board plays a limited role with respect to administering federal programs. While activities related to information and data services are staff driven, the board may set priorities for data collection.
Budget Role for Institutions	Review and recommend
New Academic Program Role	Review and approve
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	Governing board
Number of Board Members (Voting and Non-voting)	9
Number of Board Members Appointed, Serve Based on Role or Selected	9
Number of Board Members Elected through General Election	0
Board Member Composition and Selection	9 members appointed by governor subject to Senate confirmation; 1 member appointed from each Congressional district with remaining members appointed at large. No more than five members may be of same political party; no two members may reside in the same county at time of appointment. Members cannot be elected officials or officers or employees of postsecondary institutions.
Do Institutions Governed (or Coordinated) by a Postsecondary System Board have Individual Governing Boards?	No



Data Point	Description
Type of Institutions with Individual Governing Boards	Not applicable
Type of Institutions without Individual Governing Boards	Public four-year
Website	https://www.kansasregents.org/
Citations	Kan. Const., Art 6, § 2 Kan. Stat. Ann. § 74-3202c; § 74-32,140 and 141; § 76-712 Kansas Board of Regents Policy Manual
Statewide and Major Systemwide Coordinating Boards (or Agency) or Governing Boards	
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Agencies and System Offices Affiliated with Coordinating and Governing Boards	
Entity Name	Kansas Board of Regents System Office
Entity Function	Administrative/service



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Website	https://www.kansasregents.org/
Administrative and Advisory Entities	
Entity Name	Not applicable
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	Not applicable
Membership Organizations	
Entity Name	Kansas Association of Community College Trustees
Entity Function	Membership
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public two-year
Website	http://www.kacct.org/
Membership Organizations	
Entity Name	Kansas Independent College Association
Entity Function	Membership
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Independent/non-profit
Website	http://www.kscolleges.org/main.html