

INFORMATION SHEET



Curriculum Leaders Meeting

NOVEMBER 21, 2025

Early Childhood

Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot

See the Nov. 13 KSDEweekly article "[2025-2026 Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot \(ASQ\) participation rate data available to review.](#)" School staff can access this information in the KSDE web application, "Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot." KSDE has updated the Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Fact Sheet with additional resources to support schools in introducing the ASQ, partnering and sharing results with families, and using ASQ data to build developmental skills. Visit agesandstages.com/ks to access the Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Fact Sheet and other resources. Contact Amanda.Petersen@ksde.gov and Stacy.Clarke@ksde.gov with ASQ questions.

Preschool

The 2026-2027 Kansas Preschool Pilot grant application is available and will be due Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026. The Kansas Preschool Pilot grant supplements other sources of funding to provide quality preschool programming. See the KSDE [Preschool Programming](#) webpage to learn more, or to register for an informational webinar on Wednesday, Dec. 10. Note that the amount of Kansas Preschool Pilot grant funding remains limited. Districts are encouraged to consider other larger, more sustainable options to invest in preschool. To focus time and energy on more sustainable options, current 2025-2026 Kansas Preschool Pilot grantees will first have the opportunity renew their existing grant funding. Grant awards will not exceed the gap between a program's revenue and expenses, as demonstrated using the Preschool Revenue Calculator and Budget Template. Contact Natalie.McClane@ksde.gov and Amanda.Petersen@ksde.gov with questions. KSDE anticipates that the 2026-2027 Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program Requirements and Approval Form will be available in January and due in early April. Contact Natalie.McClane@ksde.gov with preschool questions.

Early Childhood Special Education

December 1 is the date used to calculate [Indicator 6: Preschool Environments](#). This is an important data point when considering the quality of preschool programming. The Projected

Indicator 6 Report can help districts quickly review the extent to which preschool students with disabilities receive the majority of special education and related services in the regular education setting. Contact your local MIS special education data clerk to obtain this report from the SPEDPro authenticated application.

Contact Angel.Spann@ksde.gov with early childhood special education questions.

Kansas Parents as Teachers

KSDE is celebrating the Kansas Parents as Teachers programs who recently achieved Blue Ribbon status following the rigorous Parents as Teachers National Center Quality Endorsement and Improvement Process. Blue Ribbon programs must meet all 21 Essential Requirements, conduct a thorough self-assessment, participate in a record and data review with the PAT National Center review committee, and meet at least 80% of the 81 defined quality standards. We are looking forward to recognizing our Kansas Blue Ribbon PAT programs at a future Kansas State Board of Education meeting. Congratulations to all our Kansas Parents as Teachers programs that continue to offer excellent quality home visiting services!

Contact Lisa.Williams@ksde.gov with Kansas Parents as Teachers questions.

Upcoming Professional Learning and News You Can Use

- **On Demand:** The state of Kansas has launched the Cape portal, an online training directory for early childhood professional learning. Visit www.yourcape.org to create an account and view upcoming courses.
- **Kinders Can! Conference:** ESSDACK, Greenbush and Southwest Regional Plains Service Centers will once again host **Kinders Can!** Early childhood educators come together to learn, connect, and celebrate the power of play, regulation, and purposeful instruction. This year will include a special focus on oral language development. See the following for dates and registration:
 - **Dec. 2: Kinders Can! Conference, Girard**
 - **Dec. 4: Kinders Can! Conference, Lawrence**
 - **Dec. 11 and Dec. 12: Kinders Can! Conferences, Hutchinson**
 - **April 10: Kinders Can! Conference, Sublette**
- **The Kansas Division for Early Childhood Conference will be Feb. 26-27 in Wichita.** KDEC promotes the education of young children with exceptional needs, and encourages professional growth and research as a means of better understanding the unique needs related to young, exceptional children. Early Bird registration discount ends January 9.
- Greenbush Early Childhood Forums are free, virtual opportunities to collaborate in group discussions, share experiences and resources, ask questions and discuss trending early childhood topics. Forums are from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 7 and May 12. Register at events.greenbush.org.

Stay up to date on early childhood updates in Kansas by [subscribing to weekly email updates at kschildrenscabinet.gov](http://kschildrenscabinet.gov).

CTE and IPS

Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Individual Plan of Study (IPS) Resources

- [Individual Plans of Study \(IPS\) - Student](#)
- [IPS Scope and Sequence Preschool-Grade 12](#)
- [Elementary Career Awareness Resource](#)
- [Middle School Career Exploration Resource](#)
- [CTE Table of Contents](#)
- [KSDE CTEResourceGuide Digital.pdf](#) 2025-2026
- [Postsecondary Readiness Digital Resource Guide](#) 2025-2026
 - Career and Technical Education: Pages 4-109
 - Carl D. Perkins Federal: Pages 110-116
 - Fiscal Auditing: Pages 117-120
 - School Finance: Pages 121-123
 - Teacher Licensure: Pages 124-126
 - Individual Plan of Study: Pages 127-173
 - Work-Based Learning: Pages 174-236
- [KSDE CTE Sunflower Posters .pdf](#) 2026-2027
- [Kansas Career Guidance Handbook 2026-2027](#)
- The submission window for submitting 2026-2027 Career Pathway Program of Study Applications: Opens November 15th and Closes March 1st, 2026.
 - [Pathways Application Checklist](#)
- [Kansas Work-Based Learning: Personalized Learning Plan Guidance Document](#)
- [Students' Right to Know Act](#)
- [Kansas Labor Information Center \(KLIC\) - LMI Home Page](#)
- [Kansas Labor Information Center \(KLIC\) - Occupational Employment Demand \(formerly High Demand Occupations\)](#)

English-Language Arts

Follow the listserv by contacting [Mary Lonker](#)



The ELA Monthly Newsletter is designed to support high-quality reading and writing instruction across our schools. Each edition provides access to updated KAP information, research-based instructional strategies and resources, and current professional learning opportunities. It also has direct links to the ELA Observation Tools, ELA Toolkit, and ELA Standards. We are committed to providing timely, relevant information that strengthens instructional practice and supports student success. Please join the listserv to receive this

monthly update.

In addition, we are providing a shared professional development opportunity with Early Literacy/Dyslexia team discussing Tim Shanahan's new book *Leveled Reading, Leveled Lives* in January! If your teachers and schools have been discussing the value of complex text, this online learning opportunity would be a great opportunity for teachers and coaches. Use this [REGISTRATION LINK](#), or access the registration link within the ELA newsletter.

Math

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This month's KSDE Math newsletter highlights several opportunities and resources to support math teaching and learning across the state. We're excited to introduce the KSDE Math Corner, a new platform to celebrate innovative math instruction happening in Kansas classrooms, where educators are invited to share their success stories or impactful practices for a chance to present to the Kansas State Board of Education. In addition, join us in December for our monthly webinar

focused on Artificial Intelligence in the Math Classroom, exploring practical and ethical uses of AI to enhance instruction and support student learning, and don't miss the College Board AP Precalculus webinar on December 1 at 3:30 PM Central featuring insights from an AP Precalculus teacher. Finally, updated KAP Math resources are now available to help educators connect assessment design with instructional planning.

HGSS

Listsers sign up contact nathan.mcalister@ksde.gov



Special Edition Newsletter:

[HGSS Page](#)

[Standards Alignment Toolkit](#)

[CBA Toolkit](#)

[Kansas Advisory Council on Indigenous Education Page](#)

[Essential Understanding Framework](#)

Science

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New Resource

Middle School Science Unpacked Standards

Opportunities for Curriculum Leaders

- Monthly Virtual Connections
 - Hear updates on KSDE resources and supports
 - Bring your questions, concerns, ideas
- Instructional Materials Support Network – *if you would still like to join, reach out to Stephanie!*
 - Session 2: Knowing and Narrowing IM Choices (part 1)
 - Virtual, December 8 9:30am-10:30am

- Session3 : Knowing and Narrowing IM Choices (part 2)
 - *In person, Wichita area, January 13 9:30am-4pm*
 - Experience and analyze lessons from 2-3 of the instructional materials that are used in Kansas
- Session 4: Lessons Learned and Making a Selection
 - *Virtual, January 26 9:30am-10:30am*
- OpenSciEd Implementation Support Network – *if you would still like to join, reach out to Stephanie!*
 - Session 2: Understanding the Model of Instruction
 - *Virtual, 1 hour, TBD date in December*
 - Session 3: Supporting Unit and Lesson Internalization
 - *In Person - Topeka, January 29 9:30am-3:30pm*
 - Session 4: Monitoring Implementation
 - *Virtual, 1 hour, TBD date in February*
 - Session 5: Leveraging OpenSciEd to support School Improvement
 - *Virtual, 1 hour, TBD date in March*

PL Opportunities

bit.ly/KSDE2025sciPD

- December 1st - Secondary Science Standards Alignment (FREE!) – Southwest Plains, Sublette
- December 3rd - K-12 Science Standards Alignment (FREE!) – Greenbush, Girard

In the Newsletter

- November newsletter:
 - Standards Alignment
- Every newsletter:
 - KSDE Science resources aligned to 4 fundamentals
 - Updates on opportunities to collaborate
 - Shared opportunities from beyond KSDE

Structured Literacy/ Early Literacy/ Dyslexia

Important Information- Stay Connected to KSDE!



Information about LETRS assessment updates, the NEW definition of dyslexia that was voted upon at the recent International Dyslexia Association national conference, Registration for FREE Collaborative professional learning sessions and other information can be found in the November newsletter, linked [HERE](#). If you would like to receive the newsletter each month, email me at Laurie.Curtis@ksde.gov.

KSDE Literacy Lifeline: Request assistance using [this form](#) to receive answers or as-needed consultation via email, virtual consultation or to pose a question for the newsletter.

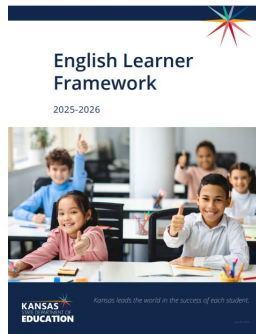
KSDE Funded LETRS Training: Early Childhood, 3rd edition LETRS course available through service centers and local facilitators in your districts. LETRS for Administrators is available- sign up through TASN for last cohorts. Conversations continue with LEXIA to support educators with changes in **LETRS assessments**. Stay tuned for updates and information via KSDE Weekly regarding questions or concerns about the changes in LETRS Volume assessments.

KSDE Reading Corner is a regularly scheduled item on the Kansas State Board of Education's agenda (usually Tuesdays between 1:30-2:30) See KSBE agenda for details. This highlights the great things happening in support of structured literacy within systems across the state. If you have a great story to tell, please contact me at Laurie.Curtis@ksde.gov.

Literacy Day at the Capitol, January 29, 2026: More information can be found [HERE](#). Sponsored by the International Dyslexia Association KS/ MO Chapter

EL

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Program Updates

Feedback is being requested for the [2025-2026 English Learner Framework](#).

Please use this [form](#) to report a broken link, share feedback on the resource, or ask questions that are not addressed in the guidance and might be helpful in future iterations.

Strategy Spotlight

National Center on Improving Literacy. (2022). [*Best Practices for Improving Language and Literacy Outcomes for English Learners*](#).

ESOL/Title III Webinar/Office Hours

Webinar: January 15th, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m. (Register through [TASN](#))

Office Hours: January 28th, 2026 @ 3:30 p.m. (No registration required - [Microsoft Teams](#))

Focus on Preparing for English Language Proficiency Assessments

- [KELPA](#)
- [WIDA Alternate ACCESS](#)

Assessments

WIDA Alternate ACCESS Assessment Test Materials Ordering Window

District Test Coordinators (DTC), Building Test Coordinators (BTC), and Test Administrators (TA) can utilize the [WIDA Alternate ACCESS Checklist](#) to stay informed on tasks that need to be completed before, during, and after the test window.

- **12/1/25 - 12/19/25** Test Materials Ordering available in WIDA AMS
- **12/1/25 - 12/19/25** LEAs Load Pre-ID/Student Import File into WIDA AMS
- **1/21/26 - 1/22/26** Districts Receive Test Materials
- **2/2/26 - 3/13/26** Test Window

Requesting District-Specific Professional Development

The KSDE Program Manager team is here to support you in your district's professional development process from anything from instructional practices to alignment of standards/curriculum. Please fill out the following form: [PD Request Form](#).

Climate & Wellness

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- [New Student PE Competencies](#)
- [KSDE 2023 School Counselor Resources \(padlet.com\)](#)
- [KSDE PE Resource Padlet](#)

School Counseling

- [School Counseling Comprehensive Program](#)
- [School Counseling Standards](#)
- [School Counseling Student Competencies](#)
- [Bullying Prevention Toolkit](#)
- [Suicide Prevention Resources and Toolkit](#)

PE/Health

- [PE Kansas Web Site](#)
- [Physical Education Student Competencies](#)
- [2018 PE Curricular Standards](#)
- [Health Curricular Standards](#)
- [National SHAPE Health Standards](#)

Other State Health Standards

- [Nebraska](#)
- [Oklahoma](#)
- [Missouri](#)
- [Iowa](#)