
FORESIGHT 2020

A 10-Year Strategic Agenda for the State's Public Higher Education System



Foresight 2020 is a 10-year strategic agenda for the state's public higher education system. Originally adopted by the Kansas Board of Regents in 2010 and updated in 2012, the plan sets long-range achievement goals that are measurable, reportable, and ensure the state's higher education system meets Kansans' expectations. Find the full 2014 report and more at: kansasregents.org/foresight_2020.

INCREASE HIGHER EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

Aspirations

- ★ Increase to 60 percent the number of Kansas adults who have a certificate, associate degree, or bachelor's degree by 2020.
- ★ Achieve a ten percentage point increase in retention and graduation rates by 2020.

Measures

- ★ Comparison of state demographics with higher education participation levels, including underrepresented groups
- ★ Review of higher education participation levels by age groups, including traditional students (18-24), adults between the ages of 25-34, 35-44, and 45-64
- ★ Comparison of Kansan's postsecondary attainment to the nation by age groups
- ★ Overall number of Adult Basic Education (ABE) participants
- ★ Percentage of ABE participants in postsecondary education
- ★ First to second year retention rates at universities, community colleges and technical colleges
- ★ Three-year graduation rates for community and technical colleges
- ★ Six-year graduation rates for universities
- ★ Student Success Index
- ★ Number of certificates and degrees awarded by universities, community colleges and technical colleges
- ★ Number of adults with college credit but no certificate or degree who are returning to complete a certificate/credential, associate or bachelor degree

IMPROVE ECONOMIC ALIGNMENT

Aspirations

- ★ Respond to business and industry expectations for graduates and ensure all technical programs meet expectations of quality.
- ★ Reduce workforce shortages in selected high demand fields by increasing the number of credentials and degrees awarded, including in STEM fields.
- ★ Enhance understanding of the role of university research in supporting the economy.

Measures

- ★ Performance of students on institutional assessments in three areas:
 1. Mathematics/Analytical Reasoning
 2. Written and Oral Communication
 3. Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- ★ Performance of students on selected third-party technical program certificate/credential assessments
- ★ Percent of graduates employed in Kansas
- ★ Average wages earned by graduates
- ★ Improvement in quality measures on technical program outcome metrics
- ★ Number of certificates and degrees awarded in selected high-demand occupations
- ★ Percent of certificates/degrees awarded in STEM fields

ENSURE STATE UNIVERSITY EXCELLENCE

Aspiration

- ★ Improve regional and national reputations of state universities.

Measures

- ★ Improved institutional performance on quality measures compared to peers, including on select regional and national rankings
- ★ Increase in proportion of federal research dollars awarded
- ★ Increase in private giving to universities