

Kansas Highlights

2014-2015

Kansas Key to Shaping the Compact's Initiatives

1. Kansas was the first founding member state to pass authorizing legislation to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), which was created in 1991.
2. Kansas legislators, members of the Midwestern Legislative Conference of The Council of State Governments, were instrumental in the formation of the Compact.
3. Richard Short, Governor Sam Brownback's Commissioner Designee, was elected as MHEC's chair-elect during the November 2015 annual commission meeting.
4. Lana Oleen, former Senate Majority Leader, has served as a MHEC commissioner and Compact chair, and served as interim president twice.
5. The MHEC Purchasing Initiatives Committee is chaired by Barry Swanson, associate vice provost for operations/chief procurement officer, from the University of Kansas.
6. The Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit Licensure and Certification Workgroup is co-chaired by Karla Wiscombe, associate director of academic affairs and transfer coordinator of the Kansas Board of Regents.
7. Nearly 40 Kansans, including commissioners, commissioner alternates, and members of advisory program committees, provide significant direction for MHEC programs and services.

Kansas Benefits from Participation in MHEC Programs and Services

1. Entities in MHEC member states have saved over \$486 million since MHEC was founded in 1991 by using MHEC purchasing contracts and the MHEC property insurance program.
2. Kansas received a 67-fold return on its MHEC investment for FY15 when comparing total savings to the state's annual commitment (dues).
3. Kansas higher education institutions, school districts, and state and local governments have achieved cost savings of over \$75 million since 1991, by using MHEC's cost savings and student exchange programs.
4. In FY15, education institutions, school districts, state and local governments, and students achieved savings of over \$6 million.
5. In FY15, Kansas entities realized over \$913,000 in cost savings by purchasing over \$9 million in technology hardware, software, and services.

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Kansas Benefits from Participation in MHEC Programs and Services *(continued)*

6. The MHEC property insurance program insures Johnson County Community College, the institutions of the Kansas Board of Regents, and institutions from the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees and the Kansas Independent College Association. Their total property values are over \$12 billion, collectively saving nearly \$4 million since 1994 and over \$1 million in FY15.
7. MHECare, the student health collaborative, provides member institutions with sustainable student health insurance solutions and helps institutions support the student learning experience by providing protection from unexpected medical expenses. The Kansas Board of Regents' institutions began participating in MHECare in fall 2012. They were the first campuses to join the collaborative.
8. Kansas became the fourth state to become a member of the Midwestern State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (M-SARA).
9. Kansas students and families have saved over \$60 million in tuition through the Midwest Student Exchange Program since 1994. In FY15, Kansas residents saved over \$4 million.

Potential Savings or Benefits of Program Participation for Kansas

1. Since the membership is a state membership, not only can higher education institutions use MHEC's purchasing contracts, but school districts, state and local governments, and not-for-profit entities can also use most of the MHEC purchasing contracts.
2. MHEC is a statutorily created entity in each member state. The Compact conducts competitive sourcing events and negotiates contract terms and conditions, thereby allowing flexibility for state and local entities to tailor MHEC contracts to their needs without having to incur the cost of rebidding for the products or services covered in MHEC contracts.

Opportunity for a Midwest Voice from Kansans

1. Based on the many ideas that MHEC Commissioners and Commissioner Alternates submitted in late August of 2015, a survey was created with potential policy topics for our research, program initiatives, and professional development. Survey respondents evaluated the need for additional knowledge on various topics, identified the top three topics of interest, and selected the most helpful resource formats. The collective results were used to determine which policy topics MHEC should prioritize. Commissioners at the MHEC annual commission meeting voted to focus on affordability initiatives during the next fiscal year.
2. The theme for MHEC's 2015 policy forum was on accreditation. This policy discussion was held in conjunction with the Compact's annual commission meeting on November 16-17 in Chicago.
3. The locations of MHEC commission meetings rotate among the member states, showcasing each state's education initiatives to an audience comprised of Midwestern legislators and education leaders. MHEC held its Executive Committee meeting in Topeka in June 2008, and will hold the annual commission meeting in Kansas in November 2017.
4. All travel and lodging expenses for commissioners who attend Compact meetings are paid by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

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Technology User List

Kansas 2014-15

Hardware Purchases

Higher Education

Barton County Community College
Benedictine College
Bethel College
Central Christian College
Cleveland Chiropractic College
Cowley County Community College
Dodge City Community College
Emporia State University
Fort Scott Community College
Garden City Community College
Grantham University
Johnson County Community College
Kansas City Kansas Community College
Kansas State University
Labette Community College
Midamerica Nazarene University
Pittsburg State University
Seward County Community College
Southwestern College
Tabor College
University of Kansas
University of Saint Mary
Washburn University
Wichita State University

K-12

Atchison Catholic School
Berean Academy
Concordia Public School
Fort Riley Middle School
Franklin Elementary
Good Shepherd Catholic School
Grandview Elementary
Holcomb Consolidated Schools

Jefferson Elementary
Junction City High School
Lawrence Virtual School
Leavenworth Catholic Schools
Lincoln Elementary
Magdalen Catholic School
Maranatha Academy
Milford Elementary
Mill Valley High School
Morris Hill Elementary
Paola School District
Sacred Heart School
Seitz Elementary
Shawnee Mission East
Sheridan Elementary
St. Joseph Catholic School
St. Jude Catholic School
Unified School District 202, Turner
Unified School District 203, Piper
Unified School District 207, Fort Leavenworth
Unified School District 215, Lakin
Unified School District 229, Blue Valley
Unified School District 231, Gardner-Edgerton
Unified School District 232, De Soto
Unified School District 245, Leroy Gridley
Unified School District 253, Emporia
Unified School District 257, Iola
Unified School District 260, Derby
Unified School District 262, Valley Center
Unified School District 266, Maize
Unified School District 294, Oberlin
Unified School District 305, Salina
Unified School District 307, Ell Saline
Unified School District 313, Buhler

Unified School District 315, Colby
Unified School District 331, Kingman Norwich
Unified School District 360, Caldwell
Unified School District 362, Prairie View
Unified School District 367, Osawatomie
Unified School District 375, Circle
Unified School District 385, Andover
Unified School District 405, Lyons
Unified School District 413, Chanute
Unified School District 418, McPherson
Unified School District 437, Auburn Washburn
Unified School District 440, Halstead
Unified School District 443, Dodge City
Unified School District 450, Shawnee Heights
Unified School District 453, Leavenworth
Unified School District 457, Garden City
Unified School District 459, Bucklin
Unified School District 467, Leoti
Unified School District 475, Geary County
Unified School District 497, Lawrence
Unified School District 504, Oswego
Unified School District 505, Chetopa Schools
Ware Elementary
Washington Elementary School
Westwood Elementary



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Government/Other

8th Judicial District Court
Alternative Education Center
City of Dodge City
City of Emporia
City of Gardner
City of Hays
City of Hutchinson
City of Lawrence
City of Leawood
City of Manhattan
City of Mission Hills
City of Olathe
City of Overland Park
City of Pittsburg
City of Springhill
City of Topeka
Coldwater Library
Consolidated Fire School District 2
CPRF School of Adaptive
 Computer Training
Department for Children and
 Families
Derby Public Library
Education Support Center
Exploration Place
Franklin County
Gray County
Hamilton County
Haskell Foundation
Hodgeman County
Johnson County
Kansas City Board of Public Utilities
Kansas City Public Library
Kansas Correctional Industries
Kansas Department of
 Administration
Kansas Department of Corrections
Kansas Department of Health and
 Environment
Kansas Department of Revenue
Kansas Facilities Management
Kansas Guardianship Program
Kansas Highway Patrol
Kansas Judicial Branch
Kansas Neurological Institute
Kansas Rehabilitation Services
Kansas School for the Deaf
Kansas State Board of Education
Kansas State Historical Society
Kansas State School for the Blind
Keystone Learning Center
Kingman County
Manhattan Municipal
Manhattan Parks and Recreation
Marshall County
McConnell Maintenance Center
McPherson County
Meade Public Library
Morris County
Morton County
Northeast Kansas Community
 Action Program, Inc.
Norton County
Oberlin City
Olathe Public Library
Osage County
Overland Park Convention Center
Ransom Public Library
Rice County
Riley County
Russell County
Scott County
Sedgwick County
Southeast Kansas Education
 Service Center 609
Southwest Kansas Library System
Stevens County
Sumner County
Thomas County
Topeka Housing Authority
Unified Government of Wyandotte
 County
Wyandotte Area Agency on Aging