

Aligned Priority Bill Update—Kansas

Student Well-Being & School Environment

Bell-to-Bell Cell Phone Ban

House Sub for SB 281: *Requiring school districts to prohibit the use of personal electronic communication devices during school hours, prohibiting any employee of a school district from using social media to directly communicate with any student for official school purposes and requiring school districts to report on the amount of screen time that certain students experience during a typical school day.*

- Passed out of Committee as Amended – Pending House General Orders
[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

SB 302 - *Requiring school districts to prohibit the use of personal electronic communication devices during instructional time and prohibiting any employee of a school district from using social media to directly communicate with any student for official school purposes.*

- Senate Education Hearing Thursday January 15, 2026, at 1:30
[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

30 Minute Recess Requirement

SB 339 - *Requiring school districts to provide at least 30 minutes of daily recess time for students in grades kindergarten through five and designating such time as part of the school term.*

- Passed out of Committee – Pending Senate General Orders
[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

Potty Training Bill

HB 2486 - *Requiring children to be toilet trained to enroll in and attend kindergarten in any public school and providing certain exceptions thereto.*

- House Education Hearing on Thursday January 29, 2026
[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

Age-appropriate School Device Act

SB 350: *Enacting the age-appropriate school device act to establish safety standards and requirements for the use of school-issued devices in certain grade levels and authorizing parents to opt students out of certain uses of such devices.*

- Referred to Senate Education Committee

Education Funding & Affordability

Modernizing Kansas Scholarship Tax Credits

[HB2468](#) *Electing to participate in the federal tax credit for individual contributions to scholarship granting organizations and increasing the aggregate tax credit limit on the tax credit for low-income students scholarship program.*

- Passed the House 70-49; Sent to Senate
[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

Amending the KS Promise Scholarship Act

[SB 340](#) *Prohibiting promise scholarship awards from being used to fund corequisite courses.*

- Hearing in Senate Education on February 9, 2026, at 1:30
[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

Extension of the 2027 Sunset for the School Finance Formula

[SB342](#) *- Extending the expiration date of the Kansas school equity and enhancement act from 2027 to 2028*

- Introduced on January 20, 2026

Pilot Outcomes-Based Funding Model for Technical Colleges

[SB437](#) *- Establishing the technical college funding task force to design and make recommendations for a pilot outcomes-based funding model for Kansas technical colleges.*

- Introduced on February 2, 2026

Education Pathways

ACT WorkKeys

HB 2530 - *Substitute for HB 2530 by Committee on Education - Providing for the transferability of credentials earned through ACT workkeys career readiness assessments towards a degree.*

- ***Sent back to House Education Committee

Postsecondary Course Agreements

SB341 - *Providing requirements for agreements between a school district and a postsecondary educational institution for the provision of postsecondary courses taught in secondary schools.*

- Pending Senate Floor General Orders
(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony)

Special Education Teacher Training Pilot

SB 440 - *Authorizing a special education pilot program that provides provisional accreditation to a private entity for the purpose of operating a special education teacher training program, allowing such entity to collect data from such program and providing requirements for full accreditation of such program.*

- Referred to Senate Education Committee on February 3, 2026

Transparency and Accountability

Parental Consent for Mental Health Services

HB 2420 - *Requiring school districts to obtain parental consent prior to providing certain school-based mental health services to a student.*

- Passed out of Committee – Pending House General Orders
(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony)

Longitudinal Student Achievement & Assessment Flexibility

HB 2482 - *modernizes Kansas's student assessment policy while reinforcing the state's commitment to longitudinal student achievement data.*

- House K-12 Education Hearing February 10, 2026
(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony)

Foster Care School Choice and Record Transfer

HB 2320 - *Authorizing children in the custody of the secretary of the department for*

children and families to attend school in any school district, requiring records for such students to be timely transferred between school districts and requiring a transportation plan if the child remains in the school of origin.

- House K-12 Education Hearing on February 11, 2026
[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

Federal Funds Reporting Requirement

HB 2618 - Requiring the state board of education to report to the legislature on federal moneys that are received by the state.

- House K-12 Education Hearing on February 9, 2026
[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

Evidence-Based Achievement Plans for At-Risk Students

HB 2663 - Modifying the requirements for student cohorts and achievement goals for school district at-risk accountability plans.

- House Education Hearing on February 6, 2026
[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

Teacher Background Checks

SB 246 - *Requiring all applicants for teaching licenses and certificates and employees of a school district or public innovative district to submit to a criminal history record check and creating the criminal history record check reimbursement fund for certain state and criminal history record checks conducted by the Kansas department for aging and disability services.*

- Hearing Tuesday January 20 at 10:30
[\(Aligned Submitted Supportive Testimony\)](#)

CEP Decision Transparency

SB 438 - Requiring eligible boards of education to consider participation in the community eligibility program, providing a financial hardship exception from such participation and requiring the state department of education to assist school districts seeking such participation.

- Introduced on February 2, 2026

