



**House K-12 Budget Committee
HB 2030
January 24, 2023
Written Opponent Testimony by
Central Kansas League Superintendents**

Madam Chair Williams and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our testimony on behalf of the Central Kansas League Superintendents. Our league is composed of ten rural school districts located in Central Kansas ranging in size from 2A to 4A with a combined student enrollment of 8,600. All of our districts are based in single school communities with passion and pride for their students' extracurricular activities through KSHSAA.

Together, the Central Kansas League Superintendents are in opposition against House Bill 2030, authorizing non-accredited school students to participate in activities regulated by KSHSAA. District specific policies and KSHSAA policies alike contain eligibility requirements that cannot be regulated with non-accredited students. Over and above that, non-accredited students are not required to report to the district or state in regards to curriculum, and are not held to the same behavior/conduct expectations. Additionally, attendance obligations managed both locally and by way of KSHSAA guidelines would be inconsistent to those who attend public school. Lastly, the lack of FTE funding for each non-accredited student would result in additional expenditure for each district without matching revenue.

We also encourage that we not lose sight of the fact that non-accredited students have an equal opportunity to compete on and form teams, and can become KSHSAA approved to play against KSHSAA schools. Our high school activities are designed to enhance the school experience for our students enrolled in each district. It allows them to connect to their school, foster teamwork, and encourages school pride. The team culture is not only built on the field or in the gym; it is in the classroom, the lunchroom, and the hallways too.

The authorization of non-accredited school students to participate in activities regulated by KSHSAA for our districts is inequitable to the accredited students of Kansas, would bring about a loss in funds for each district, and could prove to be detrimental to the goals of the team.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition of House Bill 2030 and for your service to the State of Kansas.

Respectfully,

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