

2023 Kansas Statutes

72-9944. Kansas foster care children annual academic report card. (a) The state department of education and the department for children and families shall collaborate to prepare a Kansas foster care children annual academic report card.

The annual report card shall include the following data for the preceding school year:

- (1) The graduation rate of students in foster care;
- (2) the number and percentage of students in foster care who were promoted to the next grade level;
- (3) the number and percentage of students in foster care who were suspended during the school year and the average length of time of such suspensions;
- (4) the number and percentage of students in foster care who were expelled during the school year;
- (5) state standardized assessment scores for students in foster care, including the number and percentage of students meeting academic standards as determined by the state board of education;
- (6) the number and percentage of students in foster care enrolled in any preschool-aged at-risk program, Kansas preschool pilot program or early childhood special education program under section 619 of part B of the individuals with disabilities act;
- (7) the number and percentage of students in foster care who participated in the mental health intervention team pilot program or a similar mental health program;
- (8) the total number of students in foster care enrolled in a school district or nonpublic school and the disaggregated number and percentage of students in foster care enrolled in school districts and accredited nonpublic schools;
- (9) de-identified disaggregated race and ethnicity data for each data set required in paragraphs (1) through (8); and
- (10) any additional data elements that both the state department of education and the department for children and families deem appropriate for inclusion.

(b) On or before January 15 of each year, the state department of education and the department for children and families shall prepare and submit the Kansas foster care children annual academic report card to the senate standing committee on education and the house of representatives standing committee on education.

(c) As used in this section:

- (1) "School" means any school of a school district or any nonpublic school accredited by the state board of education.
- (2) "Student in foster care" means any individual who was in the custody of the Kansas department for children and families at any time when such student attended a school during the school year for which the report required pursuant to this section is to be completed.

(d) This section shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

History: L. 2021, ch. 114, § 4; June 1.