

Postsecondary Technical Education Authority

AGENDA

Kansas Board of Regents

1000 SW Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, KS

11:00 A.M – September 19, 2023

Special Virtual Meeting

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| I. CALL TO ORDER | Chair Humphrey |
| II. DISCUSSION AGENDA
Excel in CTE Distributions | Vice President Frisbie |
| III. OTHER MATTERS
Workforce Innovation Conference | Vice President Smathers |
| IV. NEXT MEETING REMINDER (Thursday, September 28, 2023) | Chair Humphrey |
| V. ADJOURNMENT | |

**Act on Distribution of FY 2024 Appropriations for
Technical Education (Excel in Career Technical
Education Initiative, AO-K Proviso and
Postsecondary Education Performance-Based
Incentives Fund)**

**Elaine Frisbie,
VP, Finance & Administration**

Summary

The Excel in CTE Initiative provides state-financed college tuition for high school students in approved postsecondary technical education courses for students earning industry-recognized credentials in high-demand occupations. Excel in CTE unduplicated headcounts grew 11.3 percent in FY 2023 compared to FY 2022 and the calculated tuition costs grew 14.6 percent. As has been the case for the most recent two years, a proviso was applied to the appropriation requiring payments for this program to be made to the institutions within a specified timeframe for FY 2024. Staff recommends approval of the allocations as outlined below, and requests authorization to make necessary subsequent technical corrections if any error is discovered. Staff will report back to the TEA if any such corrections are needed.

Background

K.S.A. 72-3819, known as the Excel in CTE Initiative, provides state-financed college tuition for high school students in postsecondary technical education courses and incentives to school districts for students earning industry-recognized credentials in high-demand occupations. Funding for the initiative that reimburses colleges for the cost to deliver the programs is provided through an appropriation to the Board of Regents Office. The appropriation also provides a tuition subsidy for adults without a GED who are enrolled in technical courses in designated Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K) approved pathways.

For FY 2024, the Board of Regents has available \$46.0 million (a \$39.85 million appropriation plus \$6.2 million carried over from last year) for high school students' postsecondary technical course tuition and for tuition for adults without a GED who are enrolled in tiered technical courses in designated Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K) approved pathways. Amounts noted in the tables below would commit \$43.2 million based on actual Academic Year 2023 enrollments and calculated tuition costs, with a 5 percent inflationary adjustment for the colleges to apply to their campus salaries. A separate table is attached to show the student headcount and student credit hours for Excel in CTE activity in FY 2023 compared to FY 2022.

The Board of Regents also administers the Postsecondary Education Performance-Based Incentives Fund (known as the GED Accelerator Initiative), per K.S.A. 74-32,434. This fund provides incentives to eligible institutions—community colleges, technical colleges, and Washburn Institute of Technology—for adults seeking and earning a GED/high school equivalency diploma and/or an identified industry credential while enrolled in an eligible postsecondary technical education program. Eligible institutions can receive \$170 for each adult enrolled in a postsecondary technical program while pursuing a GED/high school equivalency diploma (\$150 of which must be used for the GED/high school equivalency tests), \$500 for each adult earning a GED/high school equivalency diploma, and \$1,000 for each adult earning an identified industry credential while enrolled in an eligible postsecondary technical education program. For participants enrolled in the program in AY 2023, the calculated costs total \$82,930.

FY 2024 Distributions

From the program's inception through FY 2021, funding for the tuition portion of the Excel in CTE program was distributed twice a year, based on student enrollments submitted to the Kansas Higher Education Data System by the institutions in special data collections specific to the programs. Funds were distributed in January based on Fall enrollment data and in June based on Spring enrollment data. The 2021 Legislature enacted a new proviso, which has been repeated since:

And provided further, That during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, not later than 60 days following the class start date, expenditures shall be made by the above agency from such account for tuition reimbursement: *And provided further*, That upon determining the amount of reimbursement for each eligible college, such amount shall be increased by 5% to assist in covering any rising personnel costs.

To comply with this expenditure timing requirement, a change was required for the basis of how the funds are distributed, and when funds are distributed to institutions. Rather than increasing the number of data collections and making multiple payments throughout the semester to institutions with their multiple unique class start dates, the funds are distributed based on institutions' share of the prior year enrollments in the eligible programs. This process makes the distribution of the state funds manageable for both the institutions and the Board Office and aligns with the methodology of most distributions.

August 9, 2023	Earliest Class Start Date Fall 2023 Semester
September 8, 2023	Deadline for College Presidents to Certify Academic Year 2023 Data
September 9-14, 2023	Board of Regents Staff Computes Tuition Costs for Affected Programs
September 19, 2023	Postsecondary Technical Education Authority Approves Distributions
September 21, 2023	Board of Regents Approves Distributions
October 8, 2023	Deadline for Payments to Colleges According to Legislative Proviso

Recommendation

Institutions submitted and certified their full Academic Year data collection by September 8th, which includes AY 2023 enrollment data for the three relevant programs. The GED Accelerator was initially financed with a transfer of \$1.9 million from the State General Fund in Section 143(f) of 2015 House Substitute for Senate Bill 112. In FY 2017 \$900,000 was transferred back to the State General Fund. As of the start of the current fiscal year, the fund had \$61,868 remaining. The amounts shown below note how amounts are pro-rated to accommodate the available funding.

Staff have reviewed the information submitted by the institutions and recommends approval of the amounts noted below and requests approval to make necessary technical corrections should an error be identified. The distribution amounts set forth in the following tables do not reflect the Board's assessment of each institution's performance pursuant to KSA 74-3202d (e) and thus the actual distribution to an institution, in accordance with the performance agreement process, may be less than the amount set forth in the tables for that institution.

Excel in Career Technical Education

Institution	FY 2024 Allocation
Allen County Community College	\$ 831,931
Barton County Community College	444,147
Butler Community College	752,474
Cloud County Community College	605,672
Coffeyville Community College	1,315,167
Colby Community College	243,937
Cowley County Community College	1,281,385
Dodge City Community College	952,921
Flint Hills Technical College	2,972,265
Fort Scott Community College	1,121,034
Garden City Community College	767,273
Highland Community College	2,226,948
Hutchinson Community College	2,808,890
Independence Community College	139,605
Johnson County Community College	2,151,530
Kansas City Kansas Community College	3,464,011
Labette Community College	550,148
Manhattan Area Technical College	942,541
Neosho County Community College	1,842,795
North Central Kansas Technical College	606,927
Northwest Kansas Technical College	685,233
Pratt Community College	588,796
Salina Area Technical College	1,250,278
Seward County Community College	930,372
Washburn University Institute of Technology	5,202,080
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	7,810,411
Total	\$42,488,771

Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas

Institution	FY 2024 Allocation
Allen County Community College	\$ --
Barton County Community College	99,072
Butler Community College	35,703
Cloud County Community College	--
Coffeyville Community College	--
Colby Community College	64,877
Cowley County Community College	7,942
Dodge City Community College	--
Flint Hills Technical College	--
Fort Scott Community College	1,780
Garden City Community College	22,712
Highland Community College	31,417
Hutchinson Community College	11,234
Independence Community College	--
Johnson County Community College	23,044
Kansas City Kansas Community College	32,719
Labette Community College	--
Manhattan Area Technical College	--
Neosho County Community College	--
North Central Kansas Technical College	--
Northwest Kansas Technical College	--
Pratt Community College	--
Salina Area Technical College	15,035
Seward County Community College	19,488
Washburn University Institute of Technology	111,740
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	218,298
Total	\$695,061

Postsecondary Education Performance-Based Incentives Fund – GED Accelerator

Institution	FY 2024 Calculations	FY 2024 Pro-Rated Allocation
Allen County Community College	\$ --	\$ --
Barton County Community College	24,720	18,442
Butler Community College	2,030	1,514
Cloud County Community College	--	--
Coffeyville Community College	--	--
Colby Community College	9,520	7,102
Cowley County Community College	--	--
Dodge City Community College	--	--
Flint Hills Technical College	--	--
Fort Scott Community College	--	--
Garden City Community College	10,380	7,774
Highland Community College	2,010	1,500
Hutchinson Community College	4,680	3,491
Independence Community College	--	--
Johnson County Community College	9,870	7,363
Kansas City Kansas Community College	--	--
Labette Community College	--	--
Manhattan Area Technical College	--	--
Neosho County Community College	--	--
North Central Kansas Technical College	--	--
Northwest Kansas Technical College	--	--
Pratt Community College	--	--
Salina Area Technical College	8,520	6,356
Seward County Community College	1,170	873
Washburn University Institute of Technology	8,020	5,983
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	2,010	1,500
Total	\$82,930	\$61,868

	AY 2022		AY 2023		HC Percent Change	SCH Percent Change
	Unduplicated Headcount (HC)	Student Credit Hours (SCH)	Unduplicated Headcount (HC)	Student Credit Hours (SCH)		
Allen County Community College	479	1,891	627	2,506	30.9%	32.5%
Barton County Community College	231	1,211	284	1,353	22.9%	11.7%
Butler Community College	311	2,009	320	2,218	2.9%	10.4%
Cloud County Community College	218	1,076	310	1,619	42.2%	50.5%
Coffeyville Community College	249	3,412	232	3,359	-6.8%	-1.6%
Colby Community College	171	781	167	737	-2.3%	-5.6%
Cowley County Community College	249	2,783	300	3,296	20.5%	18.4%
Dodge City Community College	148	1,702	227	2,688	53.4%	57.9%
Flint Hills Technical College	1,714	6,188	2,418	7,567	41.1%	22.3%
Fort Scott Community College	265	2,399	340	3,106	28.3%	29.5%
Garden City Community College	246	2,007	300	2,198	22.0%	9.5%
Highland Community College	710	5,787	744	6,136	4.8%	6.0%
Hutchinson Community College	1,057	7,270	1,039	7,318	-1.7%	0.7%
Independence Community College	149	582	69	395	-53.7%	-32.1%
Johnson County Community College	1,114	6,563	1,005	6,437	-9.8%	-1.9%
Kansas City Kansas Community College	738	8,653	753	9,079	2.0%	4.9%
Labette Community College	261	1,470	269	1,494	3.1%	1.6%
Manhattan Area Technical College	399	2,472	437	2,617	9.5%	5.9%
Neosho County Community College	440	5,122	482	5,034	9.5%	-1.7%
North Central Kansas Technical College	216	1,178	262	1,512	21.3%	28.4%
Northwest Kansas Technical College	210	2,137	179	1,916	-14.8%	-10.3%
Pratt Community College	194	1,163	242	1,589	24.7%	36.6%
Salina Area Technical College	392	3,569	353	3,351	-9.9%	-6.1%
Seward County Community College	379	2,566	384	2,677	1.3%	4.3%
Washburn University Institute of Technology	773	13,442	776	13,772	0.4%	2.5%
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sci. and Tech.	2,399	18,077	2,745	21,543	14.4%	19.2%
Total	13,712	105,510	15,264	115,517	11.3%	9.5%