

Kansas State Profile

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Kansas had 63 virtual schools and online programs approved by the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) for the 2022-23 SY, including multi-district fully online virtual schools, education service center programs, and district virtual schools that collectively cover all K-12 grade levels in the state. All schools and programs must be approved to offer full-time options.

Multi-district fully online schools enrolled 9,686 students in SY 2022-23. The KSDE provides a [list of virtual schools](#) including enrollments, curriculum providers, grade levels served, whether computers are provided, and more. The pandemic had a lesser impact on enrollments in Kansas than in most states offering full-time multi-district options.

- 8,231 students in SY 2019-20
- 9,932 students in SY 2020-21
- 9,377 students in SY 2021-22
- 9,686 students in SY 2022-23

Seventeen multi-district fully online schools enrolled 9,372 students in SY 2021-22 after serving 9,932 students during the 2020-21 SY. The KSDE provides a [list of virtual schools](#) including enrollments, curriculum providers, grade levels served, whether computers are provided, and more.

Any school or district may choose to provide supplemental online courses or contract with an existing approved virtual school or program for online courses. Approved schools and programs can accept out-of-district students.

State virtual school?	NO
Multi-district fully online schools?	YES
State approval process for online providers?	YES
State approval process for online courses?	NO

Some programs of note include:

- The [Lawrence Virtual School](#), the largest virtual school in the state, offers both part- and full-time options for students K-12 and does accept students from across the state.
- [Manhattan Virtual Academy](#) is a program of the Manhattan-Ogden USD 383 School District serving students grades K-12.
- [Ad Astra Academies](#) is a program of Buhler Public Schools offering general education and credit recovery to students in grades K-12.
- The [Andover eCademy](#) is a blended program that offers fully online curriculum with in-house days where students can meet with teachers in a classroom setting. The eAcademy served 3,395 full-time students during SY 2022-23.

State Policies

[House Bill 2080](#) (2023) amended K.S.A. 72-3711 to allow full-time virtual students to take state assessments virtually.

The KSDE has had a comprehensive set of policies for online schools and programs, including extensive reporting, since enacting its [Virtual School Act](#) (2008). The act increased supervision and regulation of all virtual schools by KSDE. All virtual school programs are audited annually. Extensive documentation is available on the KSDE website, including an explanation of [Virtual Education Requirements](#). State law permits districts to make agreements for inter-district attendance for supplemental online courses.

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