

Acronym	Meaning	Definition
AACRAO	American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers	Nonprofit, voluntary, professional association of more than 11,000 higher education admissions and registration professionals.
AAS	Associate of Applied Science Degree	An AAS degree provides the student a degree in a chosen major in technical/occupational areas and is intended for students who plan to enter the workforce after completion of program requirements.
AASCU	American Association of State Colleges and Universities	Higher education association of nearly 420 public colleges, universities and systems whose members share a learning- and teaching- centered culture, a historic commitment to underserved student populations and a dedication to research and creativity that advances their regions' economic progress and cultural development.
AAUP	American Association of University Professors	An association offering assistance in the form of lobbying, research, and collective bargaining for higher education professionals.
ABE	Adult Basic Education	Ongoing data collection by the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) of student information for adult education. Also known as PABLO.
ACE	American Council on Education	Higher education organization that conducts public policy advocacy, research, and other initiatives related to key higher education issues.
ACT	American College Test	A college entrance examination.
ACTE	Association for Career and Technical Education	Largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers.

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AIR	Association for Institutional Research	An organization for institutional researchers that is focused on providing educational resources, best practices, and professional-development opportunities for members.
ALEC	American Legislative Exchange Council	Works to advance limited government and federalism at the state level through a nonpartisan public-private partnership of America's state legislators, members of the private sector and the general public.
AO-K	Accelerating Opportunity - Kansas	The Kansas Board of Regents, in partnership with the Kansas Department of Commerce, is implementing the Accelerating Opportunity initiative in Kansas (AO-K) to transform the delivery system for adult education in Kansas by using Career Pathways to deliver career and technical education simultaneously with adult basic skills instruction. Students complete short term certificate programs aligned with labor market needs, leading to industry endorsed credentials and immediate jobs.
AQIP	Academic Quality Improvement Program	The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools developed the AQIP in 1999 to provide colleges and universities with an alternative process for continuing accreditation.
AP	Advanced Placement	A series of standardized exams developed by the College Board. Postsecondary credit may be awarded based on exam score. The exams usually follow standardized high school courses generally recognized as being equivalent to undergraduate college courses.

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ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	Also known as Stimulus Package. Federal funding provided to states to stimulate economic recovery.
AS	Associate of Science Degree	An AS degree is intended to prepare students dually for the workforce and for transfer to some baccalaureate programs.
ASSOC	Associate's Award Level	An award that normally requires at least 2 but less than 4 years of full-time equivalent college work.
AY	Academic Year	The annual period during which a student attends school, college or university. For KHEDS collection AY = Summer + Fall + Spring.
BAASC	Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee	Kansas Board of Regents Committee consisting of four members of the Board and appointed by the Board Chair. BAASC meets by conference call approximately two weeks prior to each Board meeting and prior to the Board Chair's conference call to finalize the Board agenda. Meetings usually consist of discussion of items to be placed on the upcoming agenda of the full Board.
BI	Business Intelligence tool	Application software designed to retrieve, analyze and report data.
BTE	Business & Industry, Training and Enrichment	Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) data collection done annually to collect student activity that is not already collected in KSPSD from public institutions.
CAEL	Council for Adult and Experiential Learning	Nonprofit that works at all levels within the higher education, public, and private sectors to make it easier for people to get the education and training they need.

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CATC	College Affordability and Transparency Center	Provides information for students, parents, and policymakers about college costs at America’s colleges and universities. The Center includes several lists of institutions based on the tuition and fees and net prices (the price of attendance after considering all grant and scholarship aid) charged to students.
CATEF	College Affordability and Transparency Explanation Form	The CATE Form collection will satisfy the statutory requirements in the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) for additional information from those institutions appearing on the Highest Tuition and Fees and/or Net Price Increase College Affordability and Transparency Center Lists.
CCSSO	Council of Chief State School Officers	A nonpartisan, nationwide, nonprofit organization of public officials who head departments of elementary and secondary education.
CDS	Common Data Set Initiative	A collaborative effort among data providers in the higher education community and publishers as represented by the College board, Peterson's, and U.S. News and world Report. Stated goal is to provide accurate and timely data to students and their families while decreasing the workload of administrators.
CEDS	Common Education Data Standards	National collaborative effort to develop voluntary, common data standards for a key set of education data elements.
CEP	Concurrent Enrollment Partnership	Concurrent Enrollment Partnership (CEP) consists of an agreement between an eligible postsecondary institution and a school district for the purpose of offering college-level learning to students who have been accepted for concurrent enrollment partnership in off-campus classes at a high school at which approved high school teachers teach college credit classes during the normal school day.

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CERT0	Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma (less than 1 academic year)	An award level used in the Kansas Higher Education Data System (KHEDS) collection for an award that requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in less than 1 academic year (2 semesters), or designed for completion in less than 30 semester credit hours.
CERT1	Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma (at least 1 but less than 2 academic years)	An award level used in the Kansas Higher Education Data System (KHEDS) collection for an award that requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in at least 1 but less than 2 full-time equivalent academic years, or designed for completion in at least 30 but less than 60 semester credit hours.
CERT2	Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma (at least 2 but less than 4 academic years)	An award level used in the Kansas Higher Education Data System (KHEDS) collection for an award that requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in at least 2 but less than 4 full-time equivalent academic years, or designed for completion in at least 60 but less than 120 semester credit hours.
CERTA	Postsecondary Technical Certificate from 16 to 29 credit hours	An award level used in the Kansas Higher Education Data System (KHEDS) collection which requires completion of an organized program of study in a technical area of at least 16 but less than 30 credit hours in length, at the postsecondary level which is below a baccalaureate degree. See PALA.

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CERTB	Postsecondary Technical Certificate from 30 to 44 credit hours	An award level used in the Kansas Higher Education Data System (KHEDS) collection which requires the completion of an organized program of study in a technical area of at least 30 but less than 45 credit hours in length, at the postsecondary level which is below the baccalaureate degree. See PALA.
CERTC	Postsecondary Technical Certificate from 45 to 59 credit hours	An award level used in the Kansas Higher Education Data System (KHEDS) collection which requires completion of an organized program of study in a technical area of at least 45 but less than 60 credit hours in length, at the postsecondary level which is below the baccalaureate degree. See PALA.
CI	Course Inventory	Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) data collection of courses offered at institutions.
CIE	Cambridge International Examinations	A provider of international education programs and qualifications, which is part of Cambridge Assessment, a department of the University of Cambridge.
CIP	Classification of Institutional Programs	A taxonomic coding scheme for secondary and postsecondary instructional programs.
CIRO	Council of Institutional Research Officers	A committee comprised of institutional research officers from each of the Kansas public universities. The committee meets biannually and provides a platform for dialogue amongst CIRO and KBOR employees for meeting the higher education data gathering and reporting needs of the state.

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CLEP	College Level Examination Program	Tests of college material offered by the College Board and designed to measure college-level competence achieved outside the college classroom. Postsecondary credit is given to students earning a satisfactory score on the CLEP exam indicating successful master of course outcomes.
COBO	Council of Business Officers	Council consisting of the chief business officer of each state university. The Board of Regents' director of Finance and Administration serves as an ex officio member. Advisory body to the Council of Presidents that meets to address system wide concerns relative to the administration and financing of the universities.
COCAO	Council of Chief Academic Officers	Council of the Regent's academic vice presidents that reports to the Council of Presidents. Established in 1969, one of the primary functions is to outline the academic plan for the Regents system.
Cohort	A specific group of students	A specific group of students used for tracking purposes.
COPS	State University Council of Presidents	Council including the chief executive officers for State Universities. Considers items of interest to the institutions and acts on proposals prior to their going to the Board of Regents for consideration.
COSAO	Council of Student Affairs Officers	Council that consists of the chief student affairs officers of the Regents institutions and the Board of Regents' Director of Academic Affairs serves as an ex officio member. The purpose of the group is to consider the welfare and development of students and

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		institutional services to meet their needs. Reports to the Council of Presidents.
CSSC	Classified Support Staff Council	Primary purpose is to provide a direct channel of communication between classified employees and University administrators.
CTE	Career and Technical Education	<p>K.S.A 72-4412 (Statute referencing the State Plan for CTE) - "Career technical education" means organized educational programs offering a sequence of courses which are directly related to the preparation of individuals in paid or unpaid employment in current or emerging occupations requiring other than a baccalaureate or advanced degree. Such programs shall include competency-based applied learning which contributes to an individual's academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning, and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, and the occupational-specific skills necessary for economic independence as a productive and contributing member of society. The term "career technical education" also includes technology education and career and technical education as referenced in the Carl D. Perkins career and technical education act of 2006.</p> <p>K.S.A 71-1802 The statutory definition for a postsecondary Technical Program is as follows: "Technical program" means any program of study comprised of a sequence of tiered technical courses and non-tiered courses, which program is identified by the state board as a technical program for funding purposes. Technical programs must: (1) Be designed to prepare individuals for gainful employment in current or emerging technical occupations requiring other than a baccalaureate or advanced degree; (2) lead to</p>



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		technical skill proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate or an associate degree; and (3) be delivered by an eligible institution.
CWB	Course within Block	Acronym used in KHEDS program inventory system which identifies courses included within elective blocks.
CWP	Course within Program	Kansas Board of Regents data collection of courses offered within a program that is collected throughout the year.
DANTES	Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support	A Department of Defense agency that provides leadership and support for military service members and veterans pursuing their educational goals both during and after their service.
DBTF	Database Task Force (DBTF) Faculty Report	KBOR survey that collects information on faculty and staff at each of the state universities. Data collected by the survey reflects actual appointments and contracts on the November 1 payroll. Information from the DBTF report is used for the Faculty section of the KBOR State University Data Book.
Docufide	Docufide by Parchment	eTranscript vendor selected to do the Kansas Statewide electronic transcript delivery as well as the 12 state MHEC region delivery.
DRP	Data, Research and Planning	The Data, Research and Planning (DRP) unit is responsible for providing data analysis support for data-driven decision-making activities of the Kansas Board of Regents.
DSST	DANTES Subject Standardized Tests	Examinations available for civilian and military personnel that allow a student to demonstrate proficiency of college level knowledge and skills.

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EAP	Employees by Assigned Position	Employee classification which classifies employees by primary occupational activity which is used by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) annual Human Resources (HR) survey which is collected by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations	Guidance for federal awards under the Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG).
EPSCoR	Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research	Mission is to assist the National Science Foundation in its statutory function "to strengthen research and education in science and engineering throughout the United States and to avoid undue concentration of such research and education." Source: <a href="http://www.nsf.gov/od/oia/programs/epscor/about.jsp">http://www.nsf.gov/od/oia/programs/epscor/about.jsp</a>
eScholar	Software and service provider	Vendor selected to provide unique identifiers for the Kansas Institutional Data on Students (KIDS) State Student Identifier (SSID) assignment system. eScholar works with state, local and federal education agencies across the country to help them solve their education data management and data warehouse challenges.
ETI	Electronic Transcript Initiative	Seeks to facilitate the transfer of student information between the Midwest's public and private high schools and the Midwest's public and private colleges and universities, as well as among the Midwest's postsecondary institutions. <a href="http://www.mhec.org/programs/e-transcript-initiative">http://www.mhec.org/programs/e-transcript-initiative</a>
FA	Fall semester	Acronym used to denote the fall semester in the KHEDS data collections.

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Faculty Senate	Council of Faculty Senate Presidents	Group that addresses faculty concerns.
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid	Federal Student Aid, a part of the U.S. Department of Education, is the largest provider of student financial aid in the nation is responsible for creating the FAFSA. Federal Student Aid is responsible for managing the student financial assistance programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. These programs provide grants, loans, and work-study funds to students attending college or career school.
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board	Organization that establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for nongovernmental entities.
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	Limits sharing of student records and gives students the right to inspect, review, and to seek amendment of educational records.
FICE	Federal school code	Institutional unique identifier.
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards	Standardized numeric and alphabetic codes issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to ensure uniform identification of geographic entities throughout all federal agencies.
FTE	Full-time equivalent	A unit that represents the workload of an employed person or student in a way that makes workloads comparable across various contexts.
FTFT	First-time, full-time	Definitions vary, but the most commonly used definitions for first-time full-time undergrads are: IPEDS defines a first-time student as a student who has no prior postsecondary experience (except college credits earned before graduation from high school)

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		attending any institution for the first time at the undergraduate level. This includes students enrolled in academic or occupational programs. It also includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term. Full-time for an undergraduate is defined by IPEDS as enrollment in 12 or more semester credits.
GASB	Governmental Accounting Standards Board	Organization that establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for state and local governments in the U.S.
GED Accelerator	GED Accelerator	On April 21, 2014, the Kansas legislature signed House Bill 2506 into law, "Postsecondary education performance-based incentive funds", known as the GED Accelerator. The GED Accelerator awards community and technical colleges with performance funding for students who concurrently earn a GED and an approved postsecondary credential.
GR200	200% Graduation Rates Survey	200 percent postsecondary graduation rates survey developed by National Center of Educational Statistics (NCES) as part of Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).
GRS	Graduation Rate Survey	Postsecondary graduation rate survey developed by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) as part of Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).
HEA	Higher Education Act of 1965	Act requires that all institutions participating in federal student financial assistance programs complete surveys in the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

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HEOA	Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008	In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA), each postsecondary institution in the United States that participates in Title IV student aid programs must post a net price calculator on its website that uses institutional data to provide estimated net price information to current and prospective students and their families based on a student's individual circumstances.
HEPI	Higher Education Price Index	The Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) is a measure of the inflation rate applicable to United States higher education; more precisely, the increase in costs in a defined basket of goods and services typically purchased by institutions of higher education. The index is calculated on a fiscal year basis ending each June 30.
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Privacy Act	Provides standards for how covered entities use and disclose individually identifiable health information.
IB	International Baccalaureate	An internationally accepted qualification for entry into institutions of higher education. Program is a 2-year curriculum culminating with final examinations. Postsecondary credit is awarded to students who achieve a minimum score on the exams. (To receive a diploma, students must achieve a minimum score of 24 out of a possible 45 points, as well as successfully complete the creativity, action, and service requirements.)
IC	Institutional Characteristics	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) component that collects the basic institutional data that are necessary to sort and analyze not only the IC DATA, but also all other IPEDS DATAs. Specific data elements currently collected for each institution include: institution contact information, control or

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		affiliation, calendar system, levels of degrees and awards offered, types of programs, application information, student services, and accreditation. The IC component also collects pricing information including tuition and required fees, room and board charges, books and supplies and other expenses for release on <a href="#">College Navigator</a> .
Imputation	Method for estimating data	Used to estimate data for an entity that did not respond to a data item in the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).
IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System	A system of interrelated surveys conducted annually by the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The surveys gather information from every college, university, and technical and vocational institution that participates in federal student financial aid programs.
IPSR	Institute for Policy and Social Research (KU)	IPSR brings together social scientists from a broad range of disciplines to pursue and conduct sponsored research at the international, national, regional, state, and local levels. IPSR affiliated faculty represent disciplines such as economic, education, environmental studies, geography, political science, public administration, social welfare, sociology, and urban planning.
K.S.A. 72-4415	Kansas Statute – Allocation and distribution of state and federal funds	The state board shall be responsible for the allocation and distribution of the state and federal funds provided for pursuant to the Carl D. Perkins career and technical education act of 2006 in accordance with the state plan. Moneys allocated and distributed under the provisions of this section shall be expended only in accordance with and for the purposes specified in federal or state law or the state plan. Payments under this act may be made in installments and in advance or by way

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		of reimbursement, with necessary adjustments on account of overpayments or underpayments. Federal funds for career and technical education shall be deposited in the state treasury.
K.S.A. 72-4451	Kansas Statute – Kansas training information program, establishment and administration; rules and regulations; reports; advisory committee; forms	Establishes the Kansas training information program that gives the state board authority to adopt rules and regulations for administration of the program.
K.S.A. 76-731a	Kansas Statute - Certain persons without lawful immigration status deemed residents for purpose of tuition and fees.	Statute that gives certain persons without lawful immigration status residency for tuition purposes.
KACCBO	Kansas Association of Community College Business Officers	A committee comprised of the business officers from all 19 Kansas community colleges. The committee meets quarterly throughout the year to exchange ideas and collaborate on fiscal matters relevant to the community college sector. The committee also oversees the production of the KACCBO Enrollment and Financial Statistics publication, which contains financial and student data for all Kansas community colleges.
KACCT	Kansas Association of Community Colleges Trustees	KACCT's mission is to build better futures through cooperation, collaboration and communication in advocating on behalf of community colleges; to position community colleges to better serve Kansas constituencies.
KACRAO	Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers	KACRAO is a nonprofit, voluntary, professional association of more than 400 higher education administrators who represent nearly 80 institutions and agencies in the State of Kansas.

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<b>KANSASWORKS</b>	<b>KANSASWORKS</b>	A web-based job-matching and labor market information system operated by the Kansas Department of Commerce. <b>KANSASWORKS</b> provides job seekers, employers, and training providers with easy-to-use tools that support a wide range of activities. The goal of <b>KANSASWORKS</b> is to link businesses, job seekers, educational institutions and training providers to ensure the state’s workforce is equipped to meet industry needs.
KanTRAIN	Kansas Technical Retraining Among Industry-targeted Networks	KanTRAIN is the program funded by a TAACCCT grant awarded to Washburn University for the three-year period 2014-2018 and identified by the U.S. Department of Labor as program agreement #TC-26477-14-60-A-20. KanTRAIN Institutions include Washburn Institute of Technology, Flint Hills Technical College, Garden City Community College, and Wichita Area Technical College.
KASFAA	Kansas Association for Student Financial Aid Administrators	The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) serves students in thousands of different institutions, including Kansas (KASFAA). NASFAA works to increase student access to and success in postsecondary education and also serves as a way for communication and collaboration on student financial aid issues. Source: <a href="http://www.nasfaa.org/mkt/about/About_NASFAA.aspx">http://www.nasfaa.org/mkt/about/About_NASFAA.aspx</a>
KBOR	Kansas Board of Regents	The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state’s six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state’s 32 public higher education institutions (six state universities, one municipal university, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board



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		<p>administers the state’s student financial aid, adult education, high school equivalency, and career and technical education programs. Private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions are authorized by the Kansas Board of Regents to operate in Kansas, and the Board continues to administer Kan-ed, a program for facilitating and promoting distance learning and telemedicine in schools, libraries and hospitals.</p>
KBOR ID	Unique ID assigned by KBOR	Kansas Board of Regents unique ID for identifying students.
KHEDS	Kansas Higher Education Data System	<p>In response to the Kansas Higher Education Coordination Act, the Kansas Board of Regents developed the Kansas Postsecondary Database (KSPSD) to collect student data as well as the Business Training and Enrichment student data collection (BTE), Program Inventory (PI), Course Inventory (CI) and Courses within Programs (CWPs). Together these collections are referred to as the Kansas Higher Education Data System (KHEDS). KHEDS supports informed decision-making through the collection, analysis, and reporting of postsecondary education in Kansas.</p>
KHEER	Kansas Higher Education Enrollment Report	<p>Every fall and spring semester, public and independent postsecondary educational institutions within the state of Kansas are asked to report aggregate data to the Kansas Board of Regents information regarding their enrolled students.</p>
KHERS	Kansas Higher Education Reporting System	<p>The Kansas Higher Education Reporting System (KHERS) is a web-based enterprise business intelligence reporting tool for providing its constituents access to data about Kansas public postsecondary institutions. KHERS allows users to view trends, filter reports, and</p>

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		<p>perform comparisons through user-friendly dashboards, graphs and charts.</p> <p>KHERS reports are generated from data collected by the Kansas Board of Regents from the state's 32 public higher education institutions (six state universities, one municipal university, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges) throughout the year in data collections such as the Kansas Higher Education Enrollment Report (KHEER) and the Kansas Higher Education Data System (KHEDS). These data collections support reporting about enrollments, completions, demographics and other characteristics.</p>
KICA	Kansas Independent Colleges Association and Fund	<p>Founded in 1984, KICA supports the individual missions of the member colleges--the 18 regionally accredited non-profit colleges and universities in the state. KICA provides direct services to enhance efficiency and effectiveness to the member colleges and works to raise financial support and public awareness of those institutions.</p>
KIDS	Kansas Institutional Data on Students	<p>A Kansas Department of Education data collection system that assigns unique state student IDs to all students and stores core data on students.</p>
KIE	Kansas International Educators	<p>Kansas chapter of the National Association of International Educators. This group establishes principles of good practice, provides networking, professional development and training opportunities, and advocates for international education.</p>

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KIR	Kansas Industrial Retraining	A Kansas Department of Commerce program that assists employees of restructuring companies who will likely be displaced due to inadequate or obsolete job skills.
KIT	Kansas Industrial Training	A Kansas Department of Commerce program that assists companies with pre-employment and on-the-job training for employees.
KORA	Kansas Open Records Act	K.S.A. 45-21545-215, et seq., as amended, make up the elements of the Kansas Open Records Act. The statute generally requires that public records be open for inspection to any person. This extends to any kind of record maintained, kept, or in the possession of a public agency.
KRSN	Kansas Regents Shared Number	The Kansas Board of Regents' approved courses for guaranteed transfer among all Kansas public postsecondary institutions are assigned a KRSN. This is a number that identifies what courses at each institution are transferable for tracking purposes.
KSDE	Kansas Department of Education	Oversees K-12 education in Kansas.
KSPSD	Kansas Postsecondary Database	Kansas Board of Regents system of collecting, maintaining, and providing data analysis through a uniform postsecondary education database.
K-TIP	The Kansas Training Information Program	The Kansas Training Information Program (K-TIP) reports employment and wage data for all approved postsecondary career technical education programs offered by technical colleges, community colleges, and Washburn Institute of Technology, and is compiled from data submitted to the Kansas Board of Regents from

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		the individual postsecondary institutions and supplemented with data provided by the Kansas Department of Labor where available.
Longitudinal Database	System for tracking students	Longitudinal data system is a data system capable of tracking student information over multiple years in multiple schools and often into the workforce.
MACE	Mid- America Association for Computers in Education	Provide an association for sharing and exchanging ideas, techniques, materials and procedures for groups now using or planning to use technology in an educational environment.
MCMC	Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit	A partnership of 13 states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) to advance best practices designed to ease the transition of veterans and their families from military life to college campuses, with special reference to translating competencies acquired through military training and experiences into milestones toward completing a college degree, or earning a certificate or license.
MHEC	Midwestern Higher Education Compact	Interstate compact (45 ILCS 155/) enacted with the intention of improving regional access to, research in and choice of higher education for the citizens of involved states. Eligible states include Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.
NACAC	National Association for College Admission Counseling	Advocates and supports ethical and professional practice in helping students transitioning to postsecondary education.

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NACE	National Association of Colleges and Employers	Connects campus recruiting and career services professionals, and provides best practices, trends, research, professional development, and conferences.
NAM	National Association for Manufacturers	Industrial trade association that enhances the competitiveness of manufacturers by Lobbying for legislation and regulations conducive to the U.S. economic growth.
NASBO	The National Association of State Budget Officers	Advances state budget practices through research, policy analysis, education, and knowledge sharing among its members. Provides information and training on critical state fiscal issues and budget processes, responds to member research inquiries, and organizes national meeting where members can discuss critical issues and share best practices.
NCCBP	National Community College Benchmarking Project	Established by Johnson County Community College as a benchmarking initiative.
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics	Collects, analyzes and makes education data available.
NCHEMS	National Center for Higher Education Management Systems	Private nonprofit (501) (c) (3) organization whose mission is to assist colleges and universities to improve their management capability.
NCPPHE	National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education	The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education promotes public policies that enhance Americans' opportunities to pursue and achieve a quality higher education. Established in 1998 by a consortium of national foundations, the National Center is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization based in San

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NHEBI	National Higher Education Benchmarking Institute	Works with community colleges and national data consortia to provide benchmarking and peer comparison services.
NIEER	National Institute for Early Education Research	Conducts and communicates research to support high-quality, effective early childhood education for all young children.
NPEC	National Postsecondary Education Cooperative	Voluntary organization of all sectors of postsecondary education with a major emphasis on data collection.
NSC	National Student Clearinghouse	Nonprofit organization which is source for degree and enrollment verification.
NSSE	National Survey of Student Engagement	Annually collects information at four-year colleges and universities about student participation in programs and activities that institutions provide for their learning and personal development.
OEIE	Office of Education Innovation and Evaluation	Founded in 2000, and affiliated with Kansas State University and the College of Education, OEIE provides a variety of independent evaluation services for an extensive range of projects in the fields of science, agriculture, education, health, and workforce development. Their clients include local, state, national, and international researchers, faculty, and administrators working within universities, government agencies, foundations, and other organizations.

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OM	Outcome Measures	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) survey that tracks the status of cohorts of students at degree granting institutions. Student completion and enrollment status is collected six and eight years after they entered an institution.
OMB	Office of Management and Budget	Government office that assists the President to oversee the preparation of the Federal budget and supervise administration in the Executive Branch.
OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education	Formulates postsecondary federal policy.
PABLO	Portal for Adult Basic Literacy Outreach	Ongoing data collection by Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) of student information for adult education. Also known as ABE.
PALA	Program code, Award Level, and Award	In KSPSD data collections, this is a combination of Program Code, Award Level and Award.
PBCER	Post baccalaureate certificate	An award that requires completion of an organized program of study beyond the bachelor's. It is designed for persons who have completed a baccalaureate degree, but does not meet the requirements of a master's degree.
PEO	Postsecondary Education Opportunity	A research newsletter founded on the sound public social policy requiring accurate, current, independent, and focused information on the human condition and requiring that education is essential to the development of human potential and resources for both private and public benefit.
PESC	Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council	PESC is a non-profit organization that enables cost-effective connectivity between data systems in higher education.

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PeTAC	Postsecondary Electronic Transcript Advisory Council	Supports the statewide Postsecondary eTranscript initiative, provides guidance and expertise, advises the Kansas Board of Regents Office regarding eTranscript common issues, aids in resolving any conflict arising during implementation, and ensures a seamless approach to transcript exchange in the State of Kansas.
PI	Program Inventory	List of Kansas Board of Regents approved programs by institution that is collected throughout the year.
PMC	Process Management Committee	KBOR committee that gives input to KBOR on procedures for various projects including technical funding.
PMCER	Post-master's certificate	An award that requires completion of an organized program of study beyond the master's degree, but does not meet the requirements of academic degrees at the doctor's level.
PPA	Program Participation Agreement	A school's Program Participation Agreement (PPA) describes requirements of its participation in the FSA programs (Title IV federal student aid programs).
PPS	Private Postsecondary	The Kansas Board of Regents Private Postsecondary Education Department authorizes private and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas with a Certificate of Approval that must be renewed annually. These schools offer instruction for business trade, technical or industrial occupations, or confer degrees. All schools operating with a physical presence in Kansas or that are actively soliciting enrollment of prospective students to receive instruction in the state of Kansas must apply for a certificate of approval or an exemption. An institution approved by the Kansas Board of Regents goes through a comprehensive and rigorous



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		process to ensure it is educationally sound, financially stable, and well run. Kansas Board of Regents Private Postsecondary Education staff strive to work closely with approved institutions to ensure the continued quality of educational programs is the best possible for Kansas students.
PR	Program Review	In cooperation with the state universities, the Board maintains a program review cycle and review process that allows the universities to demonstrate that they are delivering quality programs consistent with their mission. All degree programs are reviewed on an eight-year cycle, with reviews focusing on a variety of indicators of program quality.
PTAC	Privacy Technical Assistance Center	A “one-stop” resource for education stakeholders to learn about data privacy, confidentiality, and security practices related to student-level longitudinal data systems and other uses of FERPA protected student data.
QA	Qualified Admissions	Annual survey of qualified admissions required by KSA 76-717 for state universities collected by the Kansas Board of Regents.
RITC	Regent Information Technology Council	Includes council members from the six state universities and Washburn University. Deals with keeping up with IT security documentations, security policies and procedures, and constructs and discusses an annuals security report form.

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RPOS	Rigorous Programs of Study	A Rigorous Program of Study is a comprehensive, structured approach for delivering academic and career and technical education to prepare students for postsecondary education and career success that utilizes a framework of 10 supporting elements viewed as instrumental for creating and implementing a high quality, comprehensive program of study.
SAC	Students' Advisory Committee	Group consisting of the student body president from each Regents institution. The SAC advises the Board regarding the impact of policy decisions on student affairs, identifying concerns, and increasing awareness of student rights/responsibilities.
SAPP	Stand- Alone program award- Less than 16 credit hours	An award level used in the Kansas Higher Education Data System (KHEDS) collection for students who have completed a KBOR-designated stand-alone program. This program consists of three criteria: it is less than 16 credit hours, leads to an industry recognized credential, license, or certification, and has been approved by KBOR's Workforce Development staff. See PALA.
SARA	State Authorization and Reciprocity Agreement	Reciprocity allows participating states to work with other like-minded states to agree to a set of common expectations, standards, procedures, and policies for regulating postsecondary distance education within their borders. States and institutions can choose to participate or not. Kansas does participate in SARA.
SAT	Scholastic Achievement Test	A college entrance examination.

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SB 43	Senate Bill No. 143	Creates the postsecondary Tiered Technical Education State Aid Act which gives KBOR authority to distribute state funds to community and technical colleges and Washburn Institute of Technology for costs associated with secondary students enrolled in postsecondary career technical education programs.
SB 155	Senate Bill No. 155	Effective July 1, 2012, the Bill provides new state dollars to pay college tuition for high school students earning college credits in technical courses and at the same time, earn an industry credential.
SCOBO	System Council of Chief Business Officers	Group consisting of chief business officers from the state universities, Washburn University, and representatives of the community colleges and technical colleges. SCOBO makes recommendations regarding the implementation of the Higher Education Coordination Act as it applies to business affairs.
SCOCAO	System Council of Chief Academic Officers	Group consisting of the chief academic officers of the state universities, Washburn University, and representatives of the community colleges and technical colleges. SCOCAO makes recommendations regarding the implementation of the Higher Education Coordination Act as it applies to academic affairs, reviews recommendations from campuses and instructional groups, and promotes continuous improvement and coordination of higher education in Kansas and improvement through professional and academic development. SCOCAO provides continuous academic planning for the Regents system as well.

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SCOPS	System Council of Presidents	Group consisting of the presidents of the state universities, Washburn University, and representatives of the community colleges and technical colleges. SCOPS makes recommendations to the Board regarding policies affecting all of the institutions. SCOPS can create ad hoc committees to study and report on specific subjects.
SFA	Student Financial Aid	Includes grants, scholarships, and loans. SFA can be available through the federal and state government, private corporations, and philanthropic organizations. KBOR is responsible for the administration of the state-funded grants and scholarships.
SFM	Student Financing Module	Acronym used in the KSPSD AY collection. The SFM consists of the Students Costs and Students Financing files in the AY collection.
SHEEO	State Higher Education Executive Officers	Professional organization that serves statewide coordinating and governing boards in developing and sustaining excellent systems of higher education.
SLDS	Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems	The Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant Program, as authorized by the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002, Title II of the statute that created the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), is designed to aid state education agencies in developing and implementing longitudinal data systems.
SOAR	SHEEO Online Access to Resources	A series of sourcebooks that organizes and describes diverse resource materials, provides hotlinks to original materials, and allows users to search in different ways.

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SOC	Standard Occupational Classification system	A system used by Federal statistical agencies to classify workers into occupational categories for the purpose of collecting, calculating, or disseminating data.
SP	Spring semester	Acronym used to denote the spring semester in the KHEDS data collections.
SRE	Student Record Exchange	System that provides school administrators a secure online interface to request, send, and receive complete electronic student records in a FERPA compliant manner.
SRTK	Student Right-to-Know Act	Enacted in 1990, this Act requires colleges and universities to disclose the rate students complete academic programs at postsecondary institutions.
SSID	State Student Identifier	The unique identifier that is assigned through the Kansas Individual Data on Students (KIDS) system.
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	Academic disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The term is typically used when addressing education policy and curriculum choices in schools to improve competitiveness in science and technology development. STEM is a sequence of courses or a program of study that prepares students and underrepresented groups for successful employment in our technology-dependent society.
SU	Summer Semester	Acronym used to denote the summer semester in the KHEDS data collections.

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TAAC	Transfer and Articulation Council	To facilitate transfer and articulation across the system of public higher education, the Kansas Board of Regents established a Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) with oversight responsibility of implementing the transfer and articulation policy.
TAACCCT	Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training	A federal program that provides community colleges and other eligible institutions of higher education with funds to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less, are suited for workers who are eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers program, and prepares program participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations.
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program is designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. States receive block grants to design and operate programs that accomplish one of the purposes of the TANF program.
TEA	Technical Education Authority	The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was established by the Kansas Legislature in 2007. As delineated through legislation, the TEA functions under the auspices of the Kansas Board of Regents and makes recommendations to the Regents regarding the coordination, statewide planning and improvements/enhancements to the postsecondary technical education system. The TEA is composed of 12 appointed members.
TRP	Technical Review Panel	IPEDS review panel that reviews potential changes to IPEDS.

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WDQI	Workforce Data Quality Initiative	A KBOR workforce initiative, furthered by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to support development of a longitudinal database that integrates workforce and education data. The goal of WDQI is to track students from PK-12 through workforce training programs, adult education programs, or postsecondary education, and into the workforce. Kansas' WDQI grant efforts are coordinated through partnership between the Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas Department of Labor, Kansas Board of Regents, and the Kansas Department of Education.
WICHE	Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education	WICHE and its 15 member states work to improve access to higher education and ensure student success.
WIOA	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act	Federal legislation designed to connect people to employment, education, training, and support services. WIOA reaffirms the role of the customer-focused one-stop delivery system, a cornerstone of the public workforce development system, and enhances and increases coordination among several key employment, education, and training programs. To accomplish these objectives, WIOA requires the interoperability of data systems. This includes; streamlining data collection and usage; ensuring consistently defined and applied data elements; and providing data for performance reporting and evaluation.