

# FORESIGHT 2020

*A 10-Year Strategic Agenda for the State's Public Higher Education System*



*Foresight 2020* is a 10-year strategic agenda for the state's public higher education system. Originally adopted by the Kansas Board of Regents in 2010 and updated in 2012, the plan sets long-range achievement goals that are measurable, reportable, and ensure the state's higher education system meets Kansans' expectations.

## INCREASE HIGHER EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

### Aspirations

- ★ Increase, to 60 percent, the number of Kansas adults who have a certificate, credential, associate's degree, or bachelor's degree by 2020.
- ★ Achieve a ten percentage point increase in retention and graduation rates.

### Measures

- ★ State demographics with higher education participation levels of Kansas citizens, including underrepresented groups.
- ★ Postsecondary attainment of Kansans, by age groups, to the United States.
- ★ In-state postsecondary participation rates by age groups—traditional students, adults between the ages of 25-39, and adults between the ages of 40-64.
- ★ Number of Adult Basic Education (ABE) participants.
- ★ Percent of ABE participants in postsecondary education.
- ★ Number of adults with college credit returning to complete a postsecondary credential.
- ★ First to second year retention rates at universities, community colleges and technical colleges.
- ★ Three-year graduation rate for community and technical colleges.
- ★ Six-year graduation rate for universities.
- ★ Number of certificates and degrees produced.
- ★ Number of adults with college credit returning to complete a certificate/credential, associate or bachelor degree

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## IMPROVE ECONOMIC ALIGNMENT

### Aspirations

- ★ Meet business and industry expectations for core workplace skills in mathematics/analytical reasoning, communication and problem solving.
- ★ Reduce workforce shortages in selected high demand fields.
- ★ Meet expectations of quality in all technical programs.
- ★ Enhance understanding of the role of university research in supporting the economy.
- ★ Continue to exceed the regional average for percent of credentials awarded in STEM fields.

### Measures

- ★ Performance of students on institutional assessments in three areas:
  1. Mathematics/Quantitative/Analytical Reasoning
  2. Written and Oral Communication,
  3. Critical Thinking/Problem Solving.
- ★ Percent graduates employed in Kansas post graduation.
- ★ Average wages earned by graduates post graduation.
- ★ Performance of students on selected third-party technical program certificate/credential assessments.
- ★ Number of certificates and degrees awarded in selected high-demand occupations.
- ★ Percent of credentials awarded in STEM fields.

## ENSURE STATE UNIVERSITY EXCELLENCE

### Aspiration

- ★ Improve the regional and national reputations of state universities.

### Measures

- ★ Selected regional and national rankings and other quality measures of research universities compared to peers.
- ★ Institutional performance of regional universities on quality measures compared to peers.
- ★ Amount and proportion of federal research dollars awarded.
- ★ Private giving to universities.