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EDUCATION

Education is important in Topeka. Here you will find businesses that put a premium on worker productivity, who benefit from easy access to the nation's largest markets and tap into a highly educated and skilled workforce from some of the nation's best technical schools and universities.

Talent flocks to Topeka from all directions provided by four major universities within a 60-mile radius - The University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Emporia State University, and Washburn University with a combined enrollment of 60,000 and over 12,000 graduates per year.

SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

GO Topeka continues working to achieve our mission of bringing prosperity to the citizens of Topeka & Shawnee County by bringing high-quality companies and jobs to our community and working to expand and grow our existing industries. We're partnering to help offer opportunities for our workforce that have never existed before.

Partners like Washburn Institute of Technology offer customized training programs where companies help build the curriculum for cutting-edge programs that prepare students to enter the workforce with a level of knowledge that is specific to the company they are working in. [Learn more about industry partnerships with Washburn Tech](#)

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY

1700 SW College Ave.
Topeka, Kansas 66621
Total Enrollment: 6,722

Washburn provides broadly-based liberal arts and professional education by combining the most effective



modes of educating: accomplished faculty, small class sizes, state-of-the-art technology, modern learning techniques and unique opportunities available through an interactive campus and community relationship.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION:

- Washburn University School of Law's Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing Program was recognized again as a top program by U.S. News and World Report, in its 2012 rankings. Our legal writing program moved up to 13th in the nation. They are one of only a few law schools in the country with full-time, tenured and tenure-track legal writing faculty who are involved in service and scholarship in the national legal writing community.
- Washburn University School of Law is one of only 20 law schools which were recognized as "Top Law Schools for Government Jobs" in the January 2012 issue of the National Jurist. In that same issue, Washburn Law was named one of the top 20 law schools for jobs as prosecutors and public defenders.
- Washburn University School of Law was named a "Best Value" by National Jurist's sister publication preLaw magazine. preLaw recognized 60 schools that offer an affordable education with great job prospects and bar pass rates (fall 2011).
- Washburn Law was named one of the nation's most outstanding law schools by The Princeton Review in its book The Best 167 Law Schools: 2012 Edition.

For more information visit [Washburn University](#) or call 785.670.1010.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

1450 Jayhawk Blvd.
Lawrence, KS 66045

Total enrollment: 27,983

Distance from Topeka: 26 miles

KU has become a major public research and teaching institution of nearly 28,000 students and 2,600 faculty on five campuses (Lawrence, Kansas City, Overland Park, Wichita, and Salina). Its diverse elements are united by their mission to educate leaders, build healthy communities, and make discoveries that change the world.

UNIVERSITY STATS

- Faculty members: 2,529 at the main campus and the medical center
- Full-time faculty with Ph.D. or equivalent in their fields: 93 percent
- Fields of study: More than 200
- Study Abroad opportunities: More than 130 programs in more than 70 countries
- Major academic divisions: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which includes the School of the Arts and the School of Public Affairs and Administration; schools of architecture, design and planning; business; education; engineering; health professions; journalism and mass communications; law; medicine; music; nursing; pharmacy; and social welfare



- **Financial aid, scholarships, and grants:** More than \$243 million for about 18,700 students a year; \$65 million in scholarships and grants

STUDENT STATS

- **States represented:** All 50
- **Percentage of students from Kansas:** 69.1
- **International students:** 2,093 from 109 countries
- **Average age of undergraduate students:** 21
- **Average age of graduate students:** 30
- **Percentage of men to women:** 49.2 to 50.8
- **Percentage of multicultural students:** 14.4
- **Average ACT composite score for freshmen:** 24.7 (highest among Kansas regents schools)
- **Degrees granted annually:** To about 4,100 undergraduates and 2,250 masters', doctoral, and professional graduates (*one-third of the bachelor's and master's degrees and two-thirds of the doctorates granted at the six Kansas regents schools*)

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Manhattan, Kansas - 50 miles west of Topeka

Kansas State University is recognized by the Princeton Review as one of America's best colleges, and U.S. News & World Report lists the university among the top 75 public universities in the U.S. Kansas State University is implementing an aggressive plan to become a top 50 public research university by 2025.

QUICK FACTS

- **Colleges:** agriculture; architecture, planning and design; arts and sciences; business administration; education; engineering; human ecology; technology and aviation; and veterinary medicine.
- **Graduate study:** The Graduate School offers 65 master's degrees, 45 doctoral degrees and 22 graduate certificates in multiple disciplines across campus.
- **Extension:** Kansas State University Research and Extension conducts practical research and delivers those results to all 105 Kansas counties to improve the lives of Kansans.
- **Students:** Nearly 24,000 from all 50 states and more than 100 countries.
- **Degrees:** More than 250 undergraduate majors and options are available.
- **Organizations:** More than 475 student organizations and nearly 30 club sports.
- **Sports:** A total of 16 men's and women's teams compete in the Big 12 Conference.
- **Financial aid:** More than \$200 million in scholarships, grants, loans and work-study is distributed each year.



- o **Locations:** The main campus is located in Manhattan, Kan. The Little Apple is a classic college town with more than 52,000 residents. The university also has campuses in Salina and Olathe.

Source: [Kansas State University Website](#)

OTHER AREA HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

| SCHOOL | EDUCATIONAL EMPHASIS | ENROLLMENT |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Washburn Institute of Technology | Technical | Not Available |
| Emporia State University | Education | 6,114 |
| Baker University | School of Professional & Graduate Studies: Business, Human Resources | 390 |
| Friends University - Topeka Campus | Non-traditional adult education program: Business, computers | 120 |
| Allen County Community College | Associate Degree Program | 2,776 |
| Rasmussen College - Topeka Campus | Adult education; undergraduate degree program | 350 |
| Highland Community College | Associate Degree Program | 350 |
| Bryan University | Technical | Not Available |
| WTI | Technical | Not Available |

Source: [Community Profile for Topeka](#)

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM AT WASHBURN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Washburn Rural High School was authorized in 2012 as an International Baccalaureate World School Diploma Programme (IB). The first graduating class stood for their IB Diplomas in May of 2014. The two-year program enables high school students to engage in a challenging, international pre-university course of study.

Founded and headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland in 1968, this program has garnered international recognition by colleges and universities and currently is taught to 900,000 students in more than 3,000 schools in 141 countries.

Washburn Rural High School went through an extensive authorization process to train its teachers on the IB approach to learning and is one of only six Kansas schools to offer the IB program. Ongoing evaluations ensure that the IB Diploma standards are met and exceeded, which raises the standard of learning for the entire school, not just the students who participate in the IB program.

“We believe that hosting an International Baccalaureate program will offer new opportunities to students in the Topeka area as well as making the community more attractive to potential employees and new businesses alike. We are proud to partner with GO Topeka and others in this community-wide effort,” said Dr. Brenda Dietrich, Auburn-Washburn superintendent.

[Link to the IB website](#)



[Link to IB program brochure PDF](#)

For more information about the program, contact Ed Raines, WRHS Principal, at rainedw@usd437.net.