



ACE State Summary – Kansas

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Key Academic Findings

- **A greater proportion of ACE scholars are proficient at reading and math** – More ACE scholars are proficient in reading and math compared to their public school peers. Fifty-eight percent of ACE students scored at or above proficiency in reading compared to 37 percent of public school students and only 23 percent of low-income public school students. Likewise, 83 percent of ACE students tested at or above proficiency in math compared to 33 percent of all public school students and 20 percent of low-income public school students.
- **ACE scholars report higher GPAs than the national average** – The average GPA for ACE scholars is 3.66, which is 22 percent higher than the average national GPA.
- **ACE schools report higher college matriculation rates than the state of Kansas** – In 2018, nearly all students at ACE partner schools went to a college or university (98.4 percent), which is approximately 24 percentage points higher than the matriculation rate for all seniors in Kansas.

Key Findings from Parents

- **Academics, faith, and safety drive parental choice** – Most ACE parents choose private schools due to better academics (88.7 percent), faith-based curriculum (87.1 percent), and safer environments (83.9 percent).
- **Median household income for ACE families is half that of similar households in Kansas** – The annual median income for ACE families is approximately \$33,000, while the median annual income for Kansas households with school-aged children is over \$68,000.

ACE Partner School Findings

- **ACE partner schools have more experienced principals** – On average, a principal at an ACE partner school has nearly 18 years of experience as a principal, including 9.4 years at their current school. Combined, a private school principal has nearly a decade more experience than that of the average Kansas principal.
- **ACE partner schools are at 67.4 percent capacity** – ACE partner schools in Kansas have 3,206 empty seats.