



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. Overall, 58% of ACE students posted a reading score at or above proficiency, compared to 37% of public school students and only 23% of low-income public school students. Likewise, 83% of ACE students tested at or above proficiency in math compared to 33% of all public school students and 20% of low-income public school students.
- **ACE scholars report higher GPA than national average** – the average GPA for ACE scholars is 3.66, which is 22% higher than the national GPA.
- **ACE schools report higher college matriculation rates than the state of Kansas** – In 2018, nearly all students at ACE-affiliated schools went to a college or university (98.4%) approximately 24 points higher than the matriculation rate for all seniors in Kansas.

Key Findings from Parents

- **Academics and safety are driving factors for choice** – most ACE parents choose private schools due to the better academics (88.7%), the faith-based curriculum (87.1%), and the safer environment (83.9%).
- **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-affiliated Building Findings

- **ACE-affiliated schools have more experienced principals** – on average, a principal at an ACE-affiliated private school has nearly 18 years of experience as a principal, with 9.4 of those years at their current school (53.2% of their total experience). Combined, a private school principal has nearly a decade more experience than that of the average Kansas principal.
- **ACE-affiliated schools are at 67.4% capacity** – 3,206 seats at ACE-affiliated Kansas schools are empty.