

The Kansas State Department of Education Launches e-Transcript Initiative with Docufide

The Kansas State Department of Education has selected Docufide, Inc. to deliver an electronic transcript exchange system to school districts, colleges and universities throughout the state. The electronic transfer service, provided by Docufide, Inc., allows students to send transcripts and other supporting admission documents from their high schools to over 4,000 other colleges and universities nationwide, as well as to 3rd party destinations, electronically or on security paper mailed by Docufide. The system will also create a transcript repository across all participating grades, allowing for student performance analysis statewide.

Docufide's e-Transcript system will provide students and parents with a secure online interface for requesting all of their admissions, scholarship, NCAA, or other (employment) official transcripts with school administrator review and approval interfaces ensuring FERPA compliant administration of all requests. Docufide has been successfully processing transcripts electronically for high schools across 38 states for the past six years.

"The Kansas Department of Education is always seeking ways to help schools focus on ensuring students learn to their highest level," stated Kansas Commissioner of Education Alexa Posny. "Providing schools the ability to transfer school records electronically enhances this mission."

Any college or university can register with Docufide to receive transcripts in the format they desire for free. Receiving institutions setup their format and delivery method preference through Docufide's web interface and, along with requestors and sending school administrators, can view comprehensive delivery status reports online. Requesting students receive delivery confirmation email notices throughout the process, removing the "did it get there yet" anxiety so common during the application season.

The exchange of transcripts electronically marks a major first step in enabling other services that can be of great value to schools and students. *John Reese, Docufide's CEO said, "We are excited to work with Kansas on this initiative. It eliminates time consuming and costly clerical tasks, provides the convenience that today's students expect, and also provides the infrastructure needed for future applications that can help students assess their readiness for college or eligibility for scholarship programs."*

The Kansas State participation agreement follows the award of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) Electronic Transcript Initiative (ETI). Twelve states make up the MHEC region and include: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Seven of these states have already selected Docufide, five are under contract, and several others are currently considering joining the initiative.

About the Kansas State Department of Education...

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) works closely with the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBE) to provide oversight, supervision and support for the state's education system that includes public elementary and secondary schools as well as all accredited nonpublic schools in Kansas. The KSBE has authority in two areas: accreditation of schools and licensing of educators. The KSDE is charged with assisting in the education of all students in Kansas. To this end, the KSDE works to ensure that educators, standards, assessments, and data are of the highest quality. The agency also oversees approximately \$3.3 billion state and federal funds which flow through the KSDE to unified school districts and nonpublic schools in support of programs for the 471,500 students enrolled in K-12 education in the state. Additionally, KSDE works closely with Kansas colleges and universities housing teacher preparation programs as part of their program approval process.

We are guided by the KSBE mission...

To ensure that all students meet or exceed high academic standards and are prepared for their next steps (e.g., the world of work and/or postsecondary education.)

And by their goals...

- *Redesign the delivery system to meet our students' changing needs*
- *Provide an effective educator in every classroom*
- *Ensure a visionary leader in every school*
- *Improve collaboration with families and communities, constituent groups and policy partners*



About Docufide, Inc.

Docufide is the leading provider of Educational Records Management services. Its flagship service, Secure Transcript, manages the ordering, processing, and secure delivery of student records for K-12 and postsecondary institutions nationwide. Secure Transcript saves schools money, frees up staff time, and improves student satisfaction. Docufide, Inc. is headquartered in Los Angeles, California, with representatives throughout the United States. For more information please visit www.docufide.com or call 310.309.3722.

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