

The member colleges and universities of the Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (KACRAO) are committed to making the application and admission process as straight-forward and efficient as possible for your students, their families, and your school. The schools of Kansas have an exciting opportunity before us in the Kansas eTranscript Initiative. As you may know, the majority of students choose to submit college admissions online and over 90% submit FAFSA's online. Similarly, students register for standardized tests and have their scores delivered electronically and seamlessly to institutions of their choice. The broad adoption of electronic transcripts will complete the online and paperless delivery of all materials necessary for college admissions. **We therefore strongly urge high school personnel responsible for transcripts to participate and use the Kansas eTranscript Initiative as the preferred delivery method of transcripts for application to Kansas's colleges and universities.**

We urge the use of the eTranscript Initiative for the following reasons:

Benefits for Students

- Relieves student and parental anxiety by providing notification of when each transcript is sent and received
- Provides more precise information about where students are in the admissions process
- Allows students to order transcripts at their convenience, 24/7 online

Benefits for Colleges and Universities

- Allows us to handle our transcripts in a much more efficient and timely manner
- Provides a legible and consistent copy to be read by and shared with admissions counselors, academic advisors, scholarships committees, etc.
- Eases the review process by providing a standard appearance to the transcript
- Allows us to immediately inform students when we have received their transcripts
- Allows us to track the status of any transcript, receive various online reports, and easily request mid-year and final transcripts

Benefits for High Schools

- Reduces time, effort and expenses in handling transcript requests
- Let's colleges be proactive in indicating which transcripts need to be sent
- Enables complete tracking of each transcript from request to delivery
- Provides real-time, online status reports of where each student has requested transcripts be sent

We encourage you to sign-up to participate in the eTranscript initiative and begin sending your students transcripts this spring; processing final transcripts for your seniors this school year. You can register to participate and find more information on the initiative by visiting KSDE's website at <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3870>.

We thank you for your continued effort on behalf of Kansas's young people.

Sincerely,

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