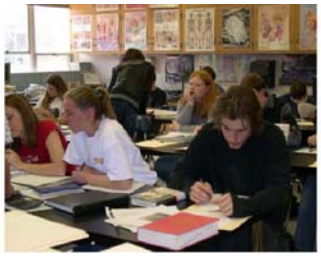
State Board of Education

2007-08 Goal and Objectives

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 post-secondary education)

- **Redesign the delivery system to meet our students' changing needs**
  - Develop and implement policy on academic/vocational integration
  - Identify, replicate, and promote best practices that can be targeted to specific populations (e.g., high schools; middle school reading; early childhood)
  - Study and clarify regulations and identify challenges
  - Examine the definition of a classroom in a redesigned system

- **Provide an effective educator in every classroom**
  - Develop a policy on alternative compensation
  - Identify obstacles
  - Assess the effectiveness of current professional development practices
  - Identify, replicate, and promote best practice in teacher preparation and professional development
  - Improve the support system for teachers
  - Develop recruitment strategies for future teachers
  - Assess and improve the alternate licensure program
  - Promote loving, safe, supportive and nurturing environments

- **Ensure a visionary and effective leader in every school**
  - Identify, replicate, and promote best practices in preparation and performance
  - Identify and grow visionary leaders focused on learning
  - Study the impact of current leadership programs

- **Improve communication with all constituent groups and policy partners**
  - Align pre-Kdg through 16 systems of support in collaboration with identified partners (e.g., Kansas Board of Regents, Social and Rehabilitative Services, etc.)
  - Develop a structure for regularly communicating about education with the legislative leadership of both parties with a focus on areas of common interest
  - Keep the public informed on key policy areas
  - Resume focus group meetings in each board member district and periodic meetings with the media
  - Improve communication of relevant information with school faculty