



KESA SYSTEM TRAINING

In order to support systems in kicking off their KESA work for the 2022-2023 school year, we are hosting a 'Beginning of the Year Kick Off' on August 23 from 9:00-11:00 am and August 25 from 1:00-3:00 pm. We ask that each system work to have representation at one of the two offerings. The same content will be presented both times, so your attendance is only needed once. During this kick off, we will make sure all system KESA leaders are aware of the following: how to navigate the KESA webpage; how to utilize new and existing KESA resources; reporting expectations for the 2022-2023 school year; OVT expectations for the 2022-2023 school year; and how to manage and navigate the KESA authenticated application.

In addition to this kick off in August, we also bring back the monthly KESA updates beginning in October 2022 and concluding in April 2023. The monthly meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00-9:45 am.

All information and zoom links can be found on our [flyer](#).

KESA OVT TRAINING

The Outside Visitation Team plays a vital role in the success of the KESA process. In order to make sure that OVT Members and Chairs feel prepared and equipped to execute on their role, we will be hosting training for both OVT Members and OVT Chairs. Chairs are expected to attend both the Member training and the Chair training. Both training events will spend time on the role of the OVT, creating dynamic and collaborative groups, and for Chairs, how to curate a complete and compelling report.

Members can attend training on either September 6 from 9:00-11:00 am OR September 8 from 1:00-3:00 pm. The same content will be covered both days, so your attendance is only required at one of the training dates.

Chairs will also need to attend training on either September 14 from 1:00-3:00 pm or September 15 from 9:00-11:00.

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KESA System Training – 2022/2023

9:00-9:45 a.m.
2nd Tuesday of the Month – October - April
Zoom Registration

Beginning of the Year Training:
This meeting is intended to orient all systems to the KESA process at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. In order to provide clarity and consistency, and address redundancy, the Accreditation and Design Team (ADT) will continue to host monthly KESA updates beginning in October 2022 and concluding in April 2023. These will occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:00-9:45. Topics will change based on your needs. However, you can anticipate training and support for: reporting using the authenticated application, the role of the OVT, technical assistance, etc. If you have suggestions for what we should cover each month, email accreditation@ksde.org.

System Beginning of the Year Training:
August 23, 2022 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
OR
August 25, 2022 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
[Zoom Link](#)
(same both days)
Note: End of Year Training will be April 18, 2023 (9:00-11:00) & April 20, 2023 (1:00-3:00). Details will come Spring 2023!

Monthly Updates:
Due to a positive reception during the 2021-2022 school year, the Accreditation and Design Team (ADT) will continue to host monthly KESA updates beginning in October 2022 and concluding in April 2023. These will occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:00-9:45. Topics will change based on your needs. However, you can anticipate training and support for: reporting using the authenticated application, the role of the OVT, technical assistance, etc. If you have suggestions for what we should cover each month, email accreditation@ksde.org.

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OVT Training: 2022-2023

OVT MEMBER TRAINING
September 6, 2022 from 9:00-11:00 am
OR
September 8, 2022 from 1:00-3:00 pm
Zoom Link

OVT Member Training
The OVT Member Training is for each member of the Outside Visitation Team. During this training, we will talk about:

- Being a 'Critical Friend'- What does it mean to be a 'critical friend'? How do you engage in this relationship productively?
- Strategies for giving effective and meaningful feedback;
- Best practices for preparing and conducting an on-site visit;
- Logistics and expectations regarding KESA reporting.

OVT Chair Training
OVT Chairs will be expected to attend both the Member Training and the OVT Chair Training. Chairs will learn:

- How to manage the authenticated application;
- How to lead an effective Outside Visitation Team;
- How to evaluate evidence of the KESA process; and
- How to write a clear and concise yearly report.

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KESA ARC TRAINING & MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Accreditation Review Council is the group tasked with reviewing OVT and System reports in order to make an Accreditation Recommendation to the State Board of Education. Each ARC member must apply to serve a three-year term (with a max of two terms), and they must be currently employed in the role they represent (e.g. teacher, building/district administrator, parochial school leader, etc.). This past year, the ARC reviewed 92 systems that were up for accreditation. Each review takes approximately 2-4 hours and culminates in a designated lead ARC member crafting the ARC Summary Report which goes to the Board and states the ARC's Accreditation Determination Status. ARC members review multiple systems each month, conference with their peers to establish a consensus regarding the accreditation status, draft the ARC Summary Report, and then meet to vote on the final status determinations made in that month. This is a sizeable lift and time commitment, and we are very appreciative of the time and effort our ARC members put into this important work.

As an Accreditation and Design Team, we have outlined the following goal for the ARC:

- *By July 15, 2023, the ARC will review 177 systems to determine an accreditation status, and they will review an indeterminate number of systems for a redetermination who were initially conditionally accredited.*

In order to successfully review 177 systems next year, we will need to add additional ARC members. We are currently in the process of recruiting ARC members who have previously expressed interest via our ARC Interest Survey. If you are interested in being considered for this position now or in the future, please email accreditation@ksde.org.

KESA AAC QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The Accreditation Advisory Council is a group of approximately 35 education professionals who represent all areas of education (teachers, building/district administrators, education service centers, technical assistance providers, private schools, Cognia, etc.). This group provides the KSDE Accreditation and Design Team with feedback and input on the scope and content of our work before final decisions are made and presented to the state as a whole. This group meets quarterly with members asked to commit to a three-year term (with a maximum allowance of two terms). This next year, the AAC will meet: September 19, 2022; November 7, 2022; February 6, 2023; April 3, 2023; and June 5, 2023.

To learn more about the AAC, and to apply for future open positions, go to the [AAC page](#) on the KESA webpage.



UPDATES-

Regional Training Pilot

This past school year (2021-2022), KSDE, TASN, and our Education Service Centers came together to provide regional support for the KESA continuous improvement process. Throughout the year, 11 systems beginning year 1 of their second KESA cycle attended five regional workshops where they engaged in activities to help them do the work called for in the KESA continuous improvement process. The first two workshops focused heavily on data analysis, with the next two focusing on goal setting, and finally, we ended the year with a reflection and future focus on strategy selection. Beginning in August, we will publish the content from this past year on the KESA webpage. You can anticipate more information about that in our August Newsletter and during the KESA Beginning of the Year Kick-Off on August 23 and 25. This sets us up to accomplish another one of our goals: *“By August 1, 2022, all systems in years 1-4 will have access to, and support (virtual modules) to complete the Data Analysis and Setting Goals phases (including a needs assessment).”*

Summer Check-In Pilot

The KSDE Accreditation and Design Team (ADT) is looking to pilot a ‘Summer Check In’ opportunity for systems to review their KESA work with KSDE ADT staff. For this pilot, we are inviting a representative sample of 50 systems entering year 5 of KESA in the 2022-2023 school year. This opportunity would be connected to your existing opportunity to conference with KSDE Fiscal Services regarding your system’s annual budget.

Every summer, systems currently have the opportunity to come to KSDE for a budget review. Why not bring your KESA team and get feedback on your goals as well? The Accreditation and Design Team would like to offer systems the chance to receive feedback on their continuous improvement work each summer as a way to better provide each system with direct support and feedback.

This opportunity is designed to coincide with work systems are already doing to get feedback from KSDE on your budget. When scheduling that budget check-in, **beginning in Summer 2023**, systems will also have the option to ‘add on’ a KESA check-in. You can review the [attached](#) fact sheet for more information. We hope to scale this pilot in the summer of 2023, but we appreciate all of you who are willing to engage in this new opportunity this summer (July 2022).

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COMING SUMMER 2023

KESA Summer Check-In

PILOT – July 2022

50 Systems who will be entering year 5 of KESA in the 2022-2023 school year are being invited to check in with the KSDE Accreditation and Design Team this summer as a way to pilot what annual summer check ins for KESA might look like beginning summer of 2023.

These 50 Systems were pulled to form a representative sample of systems in Kansas. If you were one of the selected systems, you should receive a direct invite from the Accreditation and Design Team.

If you were not directly invited, but you are entering year 5 and want to participate in this pilot, please let us know. If spots become available, we will allow other year 5 systems to join! Email accreditation@ksde.org

Why?

Every summer, systems currently have the opportunity to come to KSDE for a budget review. Why not bring your KESA team and get feedback on your goals as well? The Accreditation and Design Team would like to offer systems the chance to receive feedback on their continuous improvement work each summer as a way to better provide each system direct support and feedback. Questions we might ask during this check-in include:

- What did your needs assessment reveal? What does your accountability report reveal?
- What are your KESA Goals? Are they SMART?
- What progress has been made toward your goals? How do you know?
- What additional support do you need?

Who and how?

This opportunity is designed to coincide with work systems are already doing to get feedback from KSDE on your budget. When scheduling that budget check in, beginning in Summer 2023, systems will also have the option to ‘add on’ a KESA check-in. We understand that your systems KESA team might be the same or different than your budget team. That’s okay! Schedule your visit/check in for the appropriate teams as it works for your system. If this means one team meets with both fiscal and KESA, that’s great! If that means you send one KESA team and one fiscal team and each team meets individually, that’s great, too! We are excited to launch this new opportunity in the summer of 2023! Stay tuned for an update on how our pilot of this goes this year!

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Eye on the Future

Here are the goals we as an Accreditation and Design Team have set for 2022-2023:

- ARC Goal for 22-23
 - By July 15, 2023, the ARC will review 177 systems to determine an accreditation status, and they will review an indeterminate number of systems for a redetermination who were initially conditionally accredited.
- Years 1 - 4 Goal for 22-23
 - By August 1, 2022, we will communicate the changes to system and OVT reporting for systems in years 1 - 4 in the 2022-2023 school year.
- Growth Goals
 - By October 1, 2022, business rules will exist for how growth and/or reaching state goal levels should be measured and the resulting impact on accreditation status.
 - By February 1, 2023, we will have a definition of what constitutes a 'trend' in data.
- Process Goals
 - ⊗ By July 1, 2022 develop and create the structure for how our Accreditation and Design Team will support districts in accreditation and design.
 - By August 1, 2022, all systems in years 1-4 will have access to, and support (virtual modules) to complete the Data Analysis and Setting Goals phases (including a needs assessment).

We hope to provide updates on our team goals throughout the school year.

Resource List

Here are some KESA documents/resources that you might want to have handy as you do your work of continuous improvement and reporting to the Kansas Department of Education:

- [KESA Guidance Document](#)
- [ARC Criteria](#)
- [Foundational Structures Rubrics](#)
- [Star Recognition Rubrics](#)
- [Compliance Areas and Contacts](#)

You can find all of these documents and more on the KESA webpage:

<https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-and-Accreditation/KESA>



KSDE Events – Save the Date

Summer Academies ([Flyer](#))

July 12 & 13, 2022
Garden City

July 19 & 20, 2022
Virtual



2022 SUMMER ACADEMIES
RECHARGE LEARNING: Finding Your Focus

(Register: <https://www.greenbush.org/ksde-summer-academies/>)

Special Education & Title Services Leadership Conference

July 26-28, 2022 Wichita – Hyatt

(Register: https://reg.learningstream.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0009-0020-5041e0b7f25f420cb1363225ff91c557)

Great Ideas in Education Conference

October 19-21, 2022 Wichita

Learn about, and register for, all KSDE events on our events page: <https://events.ksde.org/>





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