



SCHOOL DISTRICT PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT

K-12 Education: Assessing the Quality of English As a Second Language Preparation in Kansas Teacher Education Programs

**A Report to the Legislative Post Audit Committee
By the Legislative Division of Post Audit
State of Kansas
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This report contains the findings, conclusions, and recommendations from our completed performance audit, *K-12 Education: Assessing the Quality of English As a Second Language Preparation in Kansas Teacher Education Programs*.

The report includes several recommendations for the State Board of Education to improve the ESL training that the universities' teacher education programs provide. It also includes a recommendation that the Legislature consider creating financial incentives for teachers who obtain an ESL endorsement. We would be happy to discuss these recommendations or any other items in the report with any legislative committees, individual legislators, or other State officials.

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Get the Big Picture

Read these Sections and Features:

1. **Executive Summary** - an overview of the questions we asked and the answers we found.
2. **Conclusion and Recommendations** - are referenced in the Executive Summary and appear in a box after each question in the report.
3. **Agency Response** - also referenced in the Executive Summary and is the last Appendix.

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- In most cases, an “**At a Glance**” description of the agency or department appears within the first few pages of the main report.
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- **Charts/Tables** may be found throughout the report, and help provide a picture of what we found.
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- **Appendices** may include additional supporting documentation, along with the audit **Scope Statement** and **Agency Response(s)**.