



**GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-53**

Establishing an annual report card for students in foster care

**WHEREAS**, the State of Kansas is committed to supporting the success and well-being of children in the custody of the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families;

**WHEREAS**, receiving a quality education is vital to the long-term success and well-being of all Kansans;

**WHEREAS**, as their legal custodian, the State of Kansas bears a heightened responsibility to make every effort to ensure Kansas students in foster care receive a quality education;

**WHEREAS**, there currently exists no report or entity that tracks and publishes educational outcomes for students in foster care;

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas State Department of Education records and maintains data that tracks the educational outcomes of all Kansas students;

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas State Department of Education is willing to share that data to assist with the creation of a report of educational outcomes for Kansas students in foster care;

**WHEREAS**, such a report would provide educators, stakeholders, and elected leaders valuable insights regarding needed improvements in the State's efforts to ensure a quality education for all students in foster care;

**WHEREAS**, such a report would provide additional transparency and accountability to enhance the efforts of the State and school districts to provide a quality education to children in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, upholding the values of transparency, cooperation, and accountability between educators, stakeholders, and elected leaders regarding the State's efforts to provide quality education to students in foster care will aid in the development of policies and programs that support all children in DCF custody.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby direct the Kansas Department for Children and Families to produce an Annual Academic Report Card for children in the custody of the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families in collaboration with the Kansas State Department of Education.

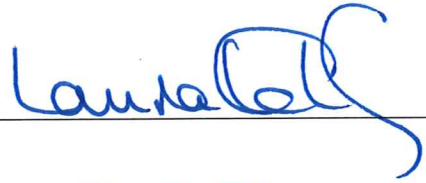
1. The Report Card shall contain the following data elements for the preceding school year:

- a. The graduation rate of students in foster care at the end of each academic year;
  - b. the number and percentage of students in foster care who were promoted to the next grade level;
  - c. the number and percentage of students in foster care who were suspended during the school year, and the average number of days each student spent in suspension;
  - d. the number and percentage of students in foster care who were expelled during the school year;
  - e. state standardized assessment scores for students in foster care, including the number and percentage of students meeting academic standards as determined by the state board of education;
  - f. the number and percentage of students in foster care enrolled in any preschool-aged at-risk program, Kansas preschool pilot program or early childhood special education program under section 619 of part B of the individuals with disabilities act;
  - g. the number and percentage of students in foster care who participated in the mental health intervention team pilot program or a similar mental health program;
  - h. the total number of students in foster care enrolled in a school district or accredited nonpublic school and the disaggregated number and percentage of students in foster care enrolled in school districts and accredited nonpublic schools; and
  - i. de-identified disaggregated race and ethnicity data for each data set required in (a) through (h); and
  - j. any additional data elements that both the Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Department for Children and Families deem appropriate for inclusion.
2. The Report Card shall be published annually and presented to the House and Senate Education committees by the Kansas Department for Children and Families by January 15 of each year.
  3. For the purpose of this Order, “school” shall include any school of a school district or any nonpublic school accredited by the Kansas State Board of Education.
  4. For the purposes of this Order, “student in foster” care shall include any youth who was in the custody of the Kansas Department for Children and Families and attended a KSBOE-accredited school at any time during the school year for which the report is being completed.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 20-53. It shall become effective immediately and remain in force until rescinded.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

BY THE GOVERNOR



DATED 7.7.2020



Secretary of State



Assistant Secretary of State

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