Foresight 2020 is a 10-year strategic agenda for the state’s public higher education system. Originally adopted by the Kansas Board of Regents in 2010 and updated in 2012, the plan sets long-range achievement goals that are measurable, reportable, and ensure the state’s higher education system meets Kansans’ expectations. Find the full 2014 report and more at: kansasregents.org/foresight_2020.

**INCREASE HIGHER EDUCATION ATTAINMENT**

**Aspirations**
- Increase to 60 percent the number of Kansas adults who have a certificate, associate degree, or bachelor’s degree by 2020.
- Achieve a ten percentage point increase in retention and graduation rates by 2020.

**Measures**
- Comparison of state demographics with higher education participation levels, including underrepresented groups
- Review of higher education participation levels by age groups, including traditional students (18-24), adults between the ages of 25-34, 35-44, and 45-64
- Comparison of Kansan’s postsecondary attainment to the nation by age groups
- Overall number of Adult Basic Education (ABE) participants
- Percentage of ABE participants in postsecondary education
- First to second year retention rates at universities, community colleges and technical colleges
- Three-year graduation rates for community and technical colleges
- Six-year graduation rates for universities
- Student Success Index
- Number of certificates and degrees awarded by universities, community colleges and technical colleges
- Number of adults with college credit but no certificate or degree who are returning to complete a certificate/credential, associate or bachelor degree

**IMPROVE ECONOMIC ALIGNMENT**

**Aspirations**
- Respond to business and industry expectations for graduates and ensure all technical programs meet expectations of quality.
- Reduce workforce shortages in selected high demand fields by increasing the number of credentials and degrees awarded, including in STEM fields.
- Enhance understanding of the role of university research in supporting the economy.

**Measures**
- Performance of students on institutional assessments in three areas:
  1. Mathematics/Analytical Reasoning
  2. Written and Oral Communication
  3. Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Performance of students on selected third-party technical program certificate/credential assessments
- Percent of graduates employed in Kansas
- Average wages earned by graduates
- Improvement in quality measures on technical program outcome metrics
- Number of certificates and degrees awarded in selected high-demand occupations
- Percent of certificates/degrees awarded in STEM fields

**ENSURE STATE UNIVERSITY EXCELLENCE**

**Aspiration**
- Improve regional and national reputations of state universities.

**Measures**
- Improved institutional performance on quality measures compared to peers, including on select regional and national rankings
- Increase in proportion of federal research dollars awarded
- Increase in private giving to universities