



OVERVIEW

Kansas enacted authorizing legislation in 1990 to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Since that time, commissioners, commissioner alternates, and members of advisory committees from Kansas have provided and continue to provide important governance and strategic direction for MHEC.

HOW KANSAS BENEFITS FROM MHEC MEMBERSHIP

Savings and Support

- » **\$6.35M in total annual savings and support** for Kansas colleges, universities, and state and local governments, a 55-fold return on the annual compact membership commitment
- » \$4.67M in savings for distance education through the Midwestern-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement
- » \$1.44M in savings through MHEC technology contracts
- » \$221,368 in Master Property Program dividends
- » \$18,530 in capacity building support (state grants, convenings, scholarships and travel grants)

Additional Opportunities and Support

- » Each MHEC member state is eligible for a Strategic Impact and Innovation Grant of up to \$250,000 over two years from MHEC to advance innovative ideas and solutions in higher education.
- » Seven Kansas institutions will benefit in 2026 by participating in MHEC's student health insurance contract: Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, University of Kansas, University of Kansas Medical Center, and Wichita State University.
- » MHEC continues to provide reports in response to requests from Kansas legislators on topics including community college funding, migration trends, and college prices in relation to inflation.

The Midwestern Higher Education Compact brings together leaders from Midwestern states to strengthen postsecondary education and promote regional economic vitality



- » MHEC leverages the knowledge and expertise of postsecondary leaders to generate collaborative solutions to challenges in higher education.



- » MHEC's contracts and programs save colleges, universities, and students in its member states valuable time and millions of dollars annually.



- » MHEC research and policy initiatives support workforce readiness and improve the quality, accessibility, and affordability of postsecondary education.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2026-2028

Expand cost- and time-saving initiatives.

Support alignment of postsecondary education and workforce development.

Advance regional solutions for emerging topics in higher education.