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Exciting News

USD 289 is excited to announce that the district was recently recognized as part of the Kansas Can Star Recognition Program! The Kansas Can Star Recognition Program recognizes districts' efforts related to the Kansas Can Outcomes. This recognition is not easy to obtain and represents the highest level of achievement on the State Board outcomes. USD 289 received the following awards:

- Graduation Rate (Gold)
- Academically Prepared for Post Secondary (Copper)
- Post Secondary Effectiveness (Bronze)
- Individual Plan of Study (Copper)

USD 289 continues to see overall growth across the Kansas Can Outcomes. While these awards are not the whole story, they do reflect the tremendous efforts of our staff and students as they work to achieve USD 289 outcomes as well as KSDE outcomes. The awards are also a recognition of the work that has been accomplished through our strategic plan. The USD 289 Strategic Plan was developed by stakeholders and represents their values and desires. These awards are a recognition of the efforts and work guided and led by the strategic plan.

While some Kansas Can Awards are based on outcomes that occur toward the end of students' postsecondary experience, it takes the efforts of all staff across all grade levels to achieve these results! Thank you to our staff and students for all of your outstanding work and efforts! Amazing job!

Congratulations, students and staff!

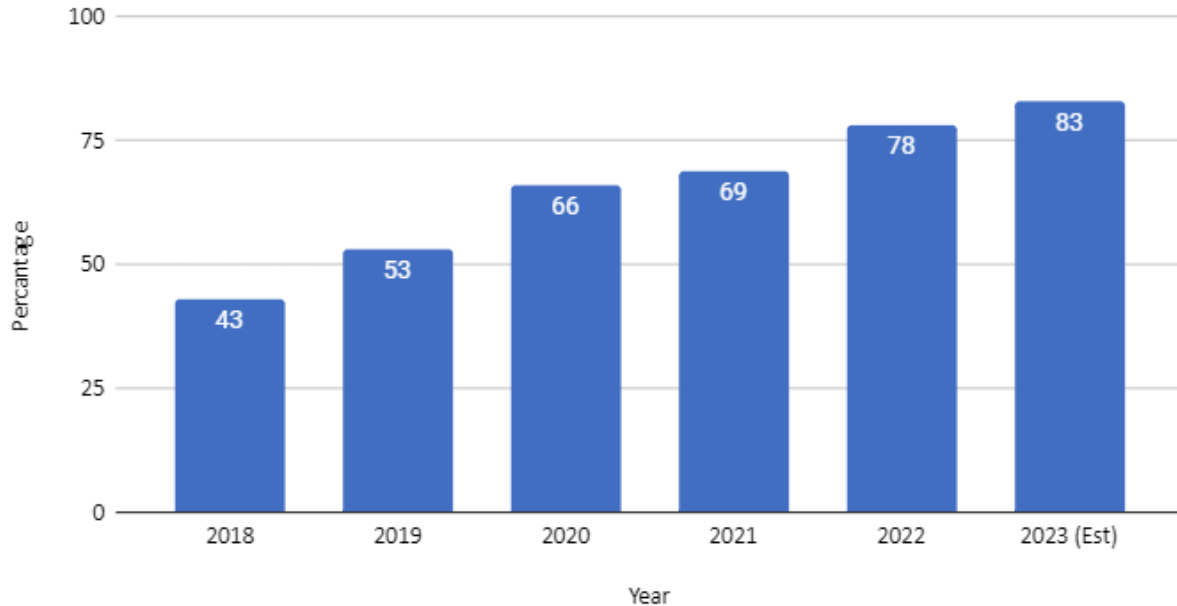
USD 289 Graduation Outcomes

As part of our strategic plan, USD 289 has developed graduation outcomes. The outcomes were designed with the intent of having measurable outcomes that students can achieve that indicate a readiness level for postsecondary opportunities. The outcomes are as follows:

- Achieving an ACT Score of 21
- Receiving a work industry certification
- Completing 12 or more college hours

- Receiving a Career Readiness certificate on the WorkKeys Assessment
- Acceptance in the military

Graduation Outcomes: Percentage of students achieving one outcome



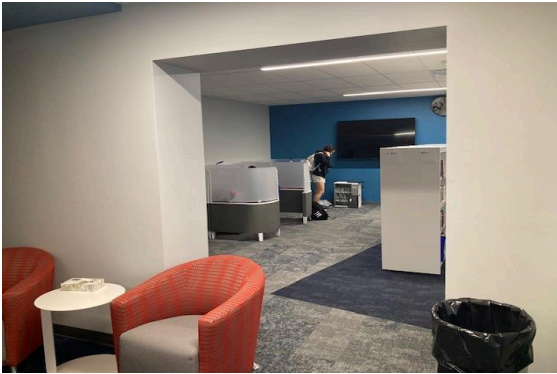
The baseline year for data regarding these outcomes was 2018, and 43% of students were achieving one of the five outcomes at that time. Below is a chart over the last six years. In 2022, 78% of seniors met one of these outcomes, and the graduating class of 2023 is estimated to achieve an 83% success rate. ***These very positive numbers reflect the hard work of students, staff, and families helping to ensure students not only graduate but are prepared and achieved a measurable outcome related to the postsecondary opportunities that await them.***

Facilities Update

The USD 289 bond project continues to move forward. Below are updated pictures of our project and status updates.

- Students and staff have moved into the new library, and it is operational
- Students and staff are moving into the remodeled MS rooms and science lab this week. They will be operational and in use next week.
- The new MS office area is scheduled to be completed, with new furniture installed by 10/24. The entrance of the new middle school office will be completed later this semester, as a few of the materials have been delayed. This is also true for the upgrades to the outside of the building.
- The HS English classrooms and study areas are scheduled to be completed and ready for move-in by the end of this semester.
- The new Wrestling Room / Weight Room is scheduled for completion by the first part of January.

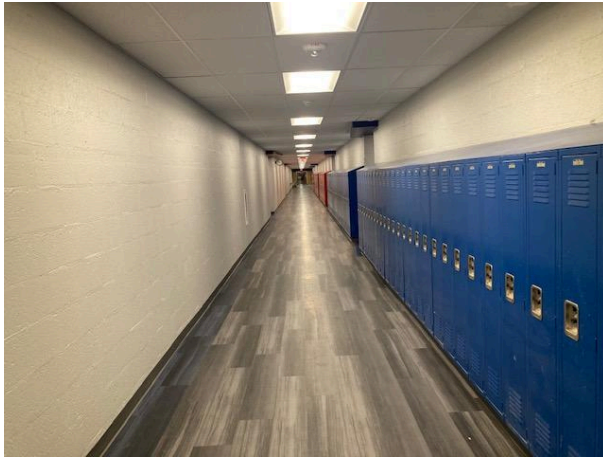
New Library/Media Center



Middle School Science Lab



Remodeled Middle School Rooms and Hallway (ADA accessible)



USD 289 Calendar

The 2022-2023 calendar can be accessed at the link below. It is also available on the district website or school app. [USD 289 2022-2023 Calendar](#)

News and Announcements

USD 289 news and announcements are posted on a variety of platforms. These begin with the district website and school app. You can download the district app by going to the district website and going to the bottom of the page, and clicking on the App Store or Google Play link. On both the website and app, the live feed section is a running tab of all the announcements, updates, etc. You can also contact the office in the building your child attends to be notified by text, email, phone, etc.

It's A Great Day to Be An Eagle!