Kansas Education Systems Accreditation

A systems approach to K-12 accreditation

Framework: The Five Rs

The Five Rs are equivalent to each other in their importance to the quality of a system and that they encompass every concept contained in the ideas of quality education and continual improvement. *Everything* that educational professionals and stakeholders do, say, believe, model, teach, expect, and desire about education can be classified in *at least one* of the Five Rs.KESA supports the belief that the work within the first four Rs leads to improvement, or growth, in the data, evidence, and artifacts that make up the fifth R (Results).

RELATIONSHIPS

Defining Relationships:

"a state of interconnectedness – among people, curricula, programs, projects, and communities – is critical in establishing connections that result in high performing learning environments" (KSDE, 2010, p. 40)

COMPONENTS:

- Staff
- Students
- Families
- Community

RELEVANCE

Defining Relevance:

"the power and ability of specific information to meet the needs of its user — strengthens learner motivation and allows learning to become more engaging, empowering, connected, applicable to the real world, and socially significant" (KSDE, 2010, p. 42).

COMPONENTS:

- Curriculum
- Instruction
- Student Engagement
- Technology

RESPONSIVE CULTURE

Defining Responsive Culture:

"one that readily reacts to suggestions, influences, appeals, efforts, or opportunities – empowers all stake holders to become respectful of, responsible for, and involved in learning, the learning process, and the learning community" (KSDE, 2010, p. 48).

COMPONENTS:

- Leadership
- Early Childhood
- District Climate
- Nutrition and Wellness

RIGOR

Defining Rigor:

"a relentless pursuit of that which challenges and provides opportunity to demonstrate growth and learning – is essential in addressing the needs of our rapidly expanding society and world" (KSDE, 2010, p. 44).

COMPONENTS:

- Career & Technical Ed
- Professional Learning
- Resources
- Data

RESULTS

Defining Results:

"witnessable evidence of growth and learning – allows curriculum and instruction to be delivered in a timely fashion based on the needs and desires of the individual learner." (KSDE, 2010, p. 46).

COMPONENTS:

- Social-Emotional Factors
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Individual Plans of Study
- High School Graduation
- Postsecondary Completion/Attendance