



# **Kansas Public Schools: Achievement, Challenges & Funding**

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**Kansas Association of School Boards**

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# Kansas Constitution requires the Legislature to establish and maintain public schools.

## ***Purpose of public education (Article 6):***

*The legislature shall provide for **intellectual, educational, vocational and scientific improvement** by establishing and maintaining public schools, educational institutions and related activities which may be organized and changed in such manner as may be provided by law.*



# Kansas Constitution provides responsibilities for governing and funding public education.

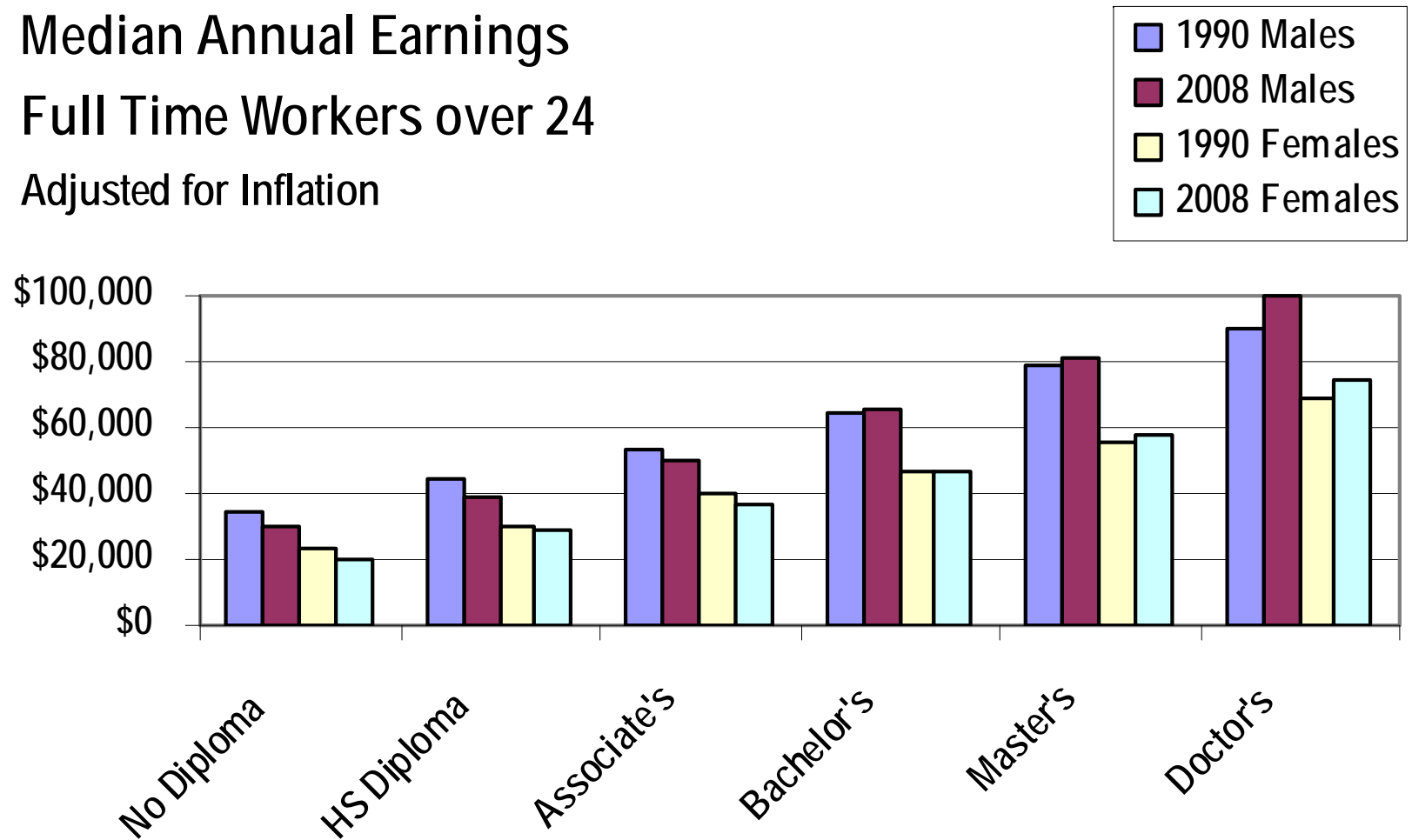
## ***Key Provisions of 1966 Education Article:***

- **Elected *state board for general supervision of public schools.***
- ***Local public schools maintained, developed and operated by locally elected boards.***
- ***Legislature shall make suitable provision for finance of the educational interests of the state.***
- **No religious sect or sects shall control any part of the public educational funds.**



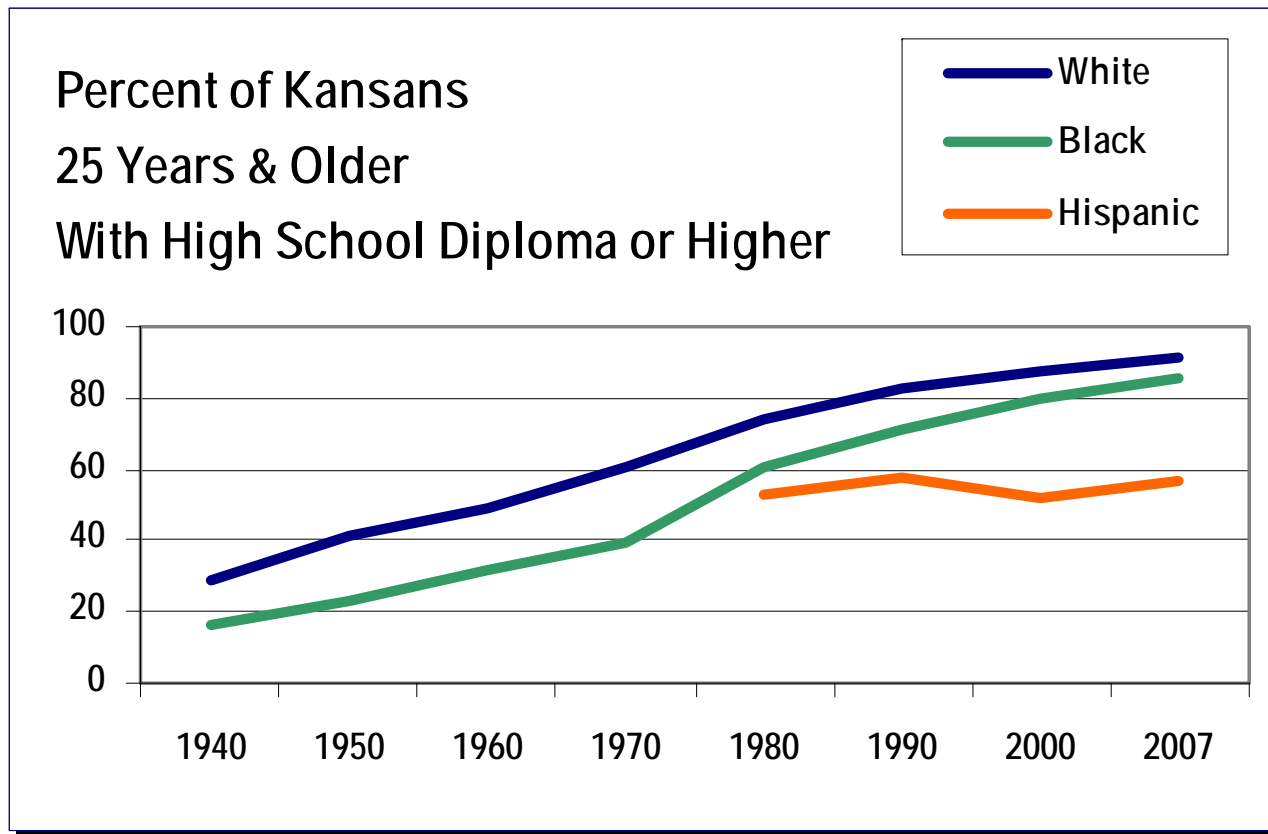
# Educational attainment matters for economic prosperity and security.

Median Annual Earnings  
Full Time Workers over 24  
Adjusted for Inflation





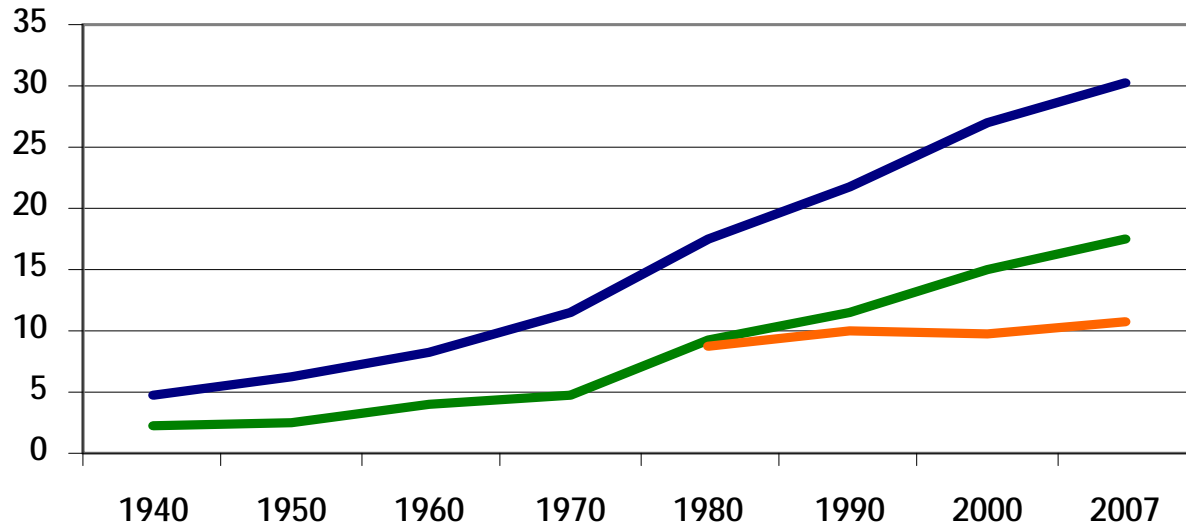
# Kansas educational improvement: High school graduation rates are at an all-time high.





# Post-secondary attainment in Kansas is also at an all-time high.

Percent of Kansans  
25 Years & Older  
With Bachelor's Degree or Higher





# Educational attainment for Kansas & neighboring states (national rank).

High School Completers Age 18-24		Adults with Four-Year Degrees		Adults with Advanced Degrees	
Iowa	87% (3)	Colorado	34.7% (3)	Colorado	12.2% (8)
Nebraska	87% (3)	<b>Kansas</b>	<b>28.5% (15)</b>	<b>Kansas</b>	<b>9.7% (19)</b>
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>85.6% (13)</b>	Nebraska	26.6% (20)	Missouri	8.7% (28)
Colorado	82.3% (28)	Missouri	24.1% (35)	Nebraska	8.3% (31)
Missouri	82% (31)	Iowa	23.9% (36)	Iowa	7.3% (42)
Oklahoma	81.2% (38)	Oklahoma	22.2% (41)	Oklahoma	7.3% (42)



# 2009 National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) - Kansas and neighboring states (national rank).

Combined Percent Scoring Basic and Above – All Students		Combined Percent Scoring Basic and Above – Free/Reduced Lunch	
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>320 (9)</b>	<b>Kansas</b>	<b>276 (5)</b>
Colorado	310 (17)	Iowa	257 (16)
Iowa	309 (19)	Missouri	255 (18)
Missouri	309 (19)	Oklahoma	250 (24)
Nebraska	307 (24)	Nebraska	249 (25)
Oklahoma	288 (35)	Colorado	242 (28)



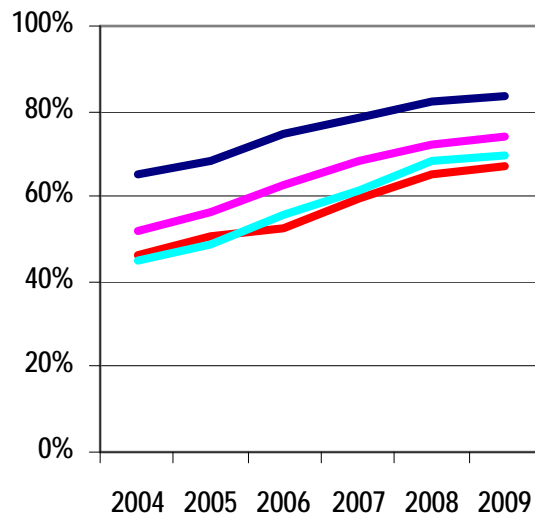
## **Kansas, a national leader in student achievement, but average in spending per pupil, leads regional states in both spending and achievement.**

<b>2008 current spending per pupil and national rank</b>			<b>Kansas is the highest spending state in the region, but 25<sup>th</sup> in the nation.</b>  <b>Kansas is the only state in the region to rank in the top 15 on all five education measures. (High school, College, NAEP)</b>  <b>Kansas is the only top 10 regional state on both NAEP measures.</b>
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>\$9,667</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>\$9,577</b>	<b>27</b>	
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>\$9,267</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>\$9,216</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>\$9,079</b>	<b>35</b>	
<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>\$7,685</b>	<b>47</b>	

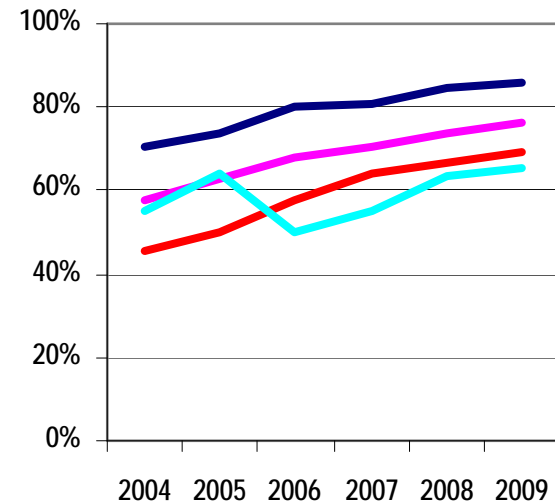


# No Child Left Behind and Kansas school accreditation requires improvement on state math and reading assessments.

Kansas Math Proficiency State Assessments



Kansas Reading Proficiency State Assessments

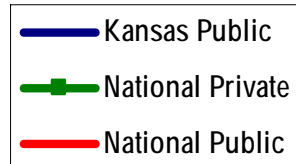
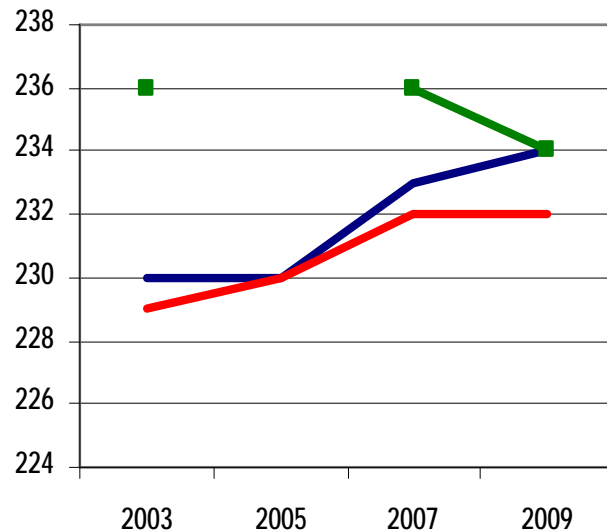




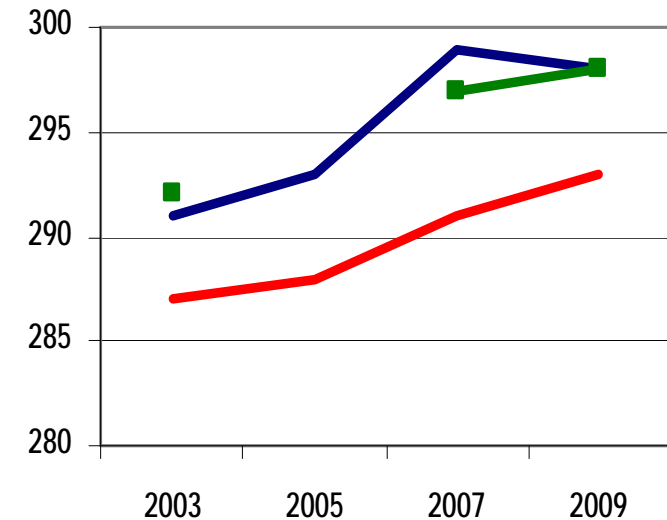
# Kansas students who do not qualify for free/reduced-price lunches tie national private school average on NAEP.

## National Assessment of Education Progress

NAEP Grade 4 Reading -  
Non-Free Lunch



NAEP Grade 8 Math -  
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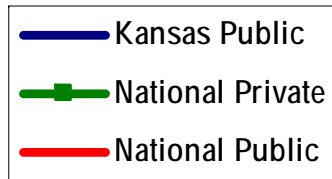
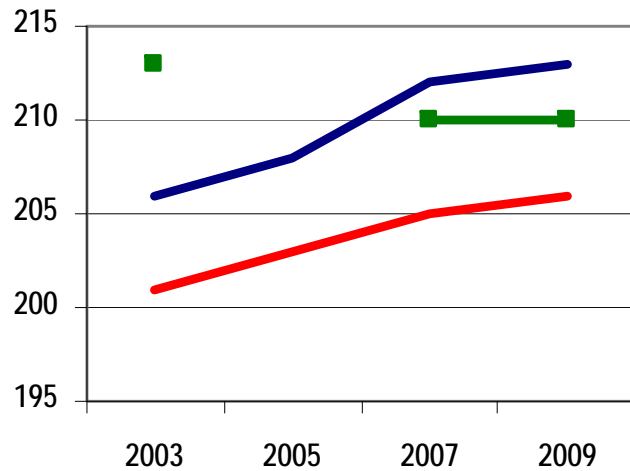




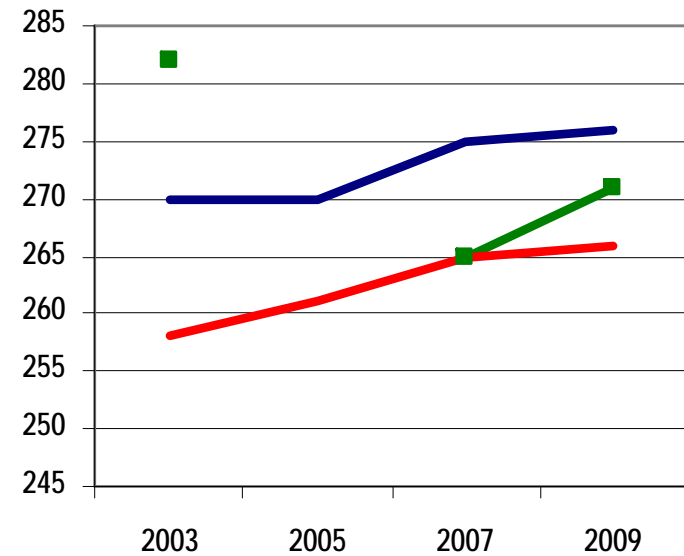
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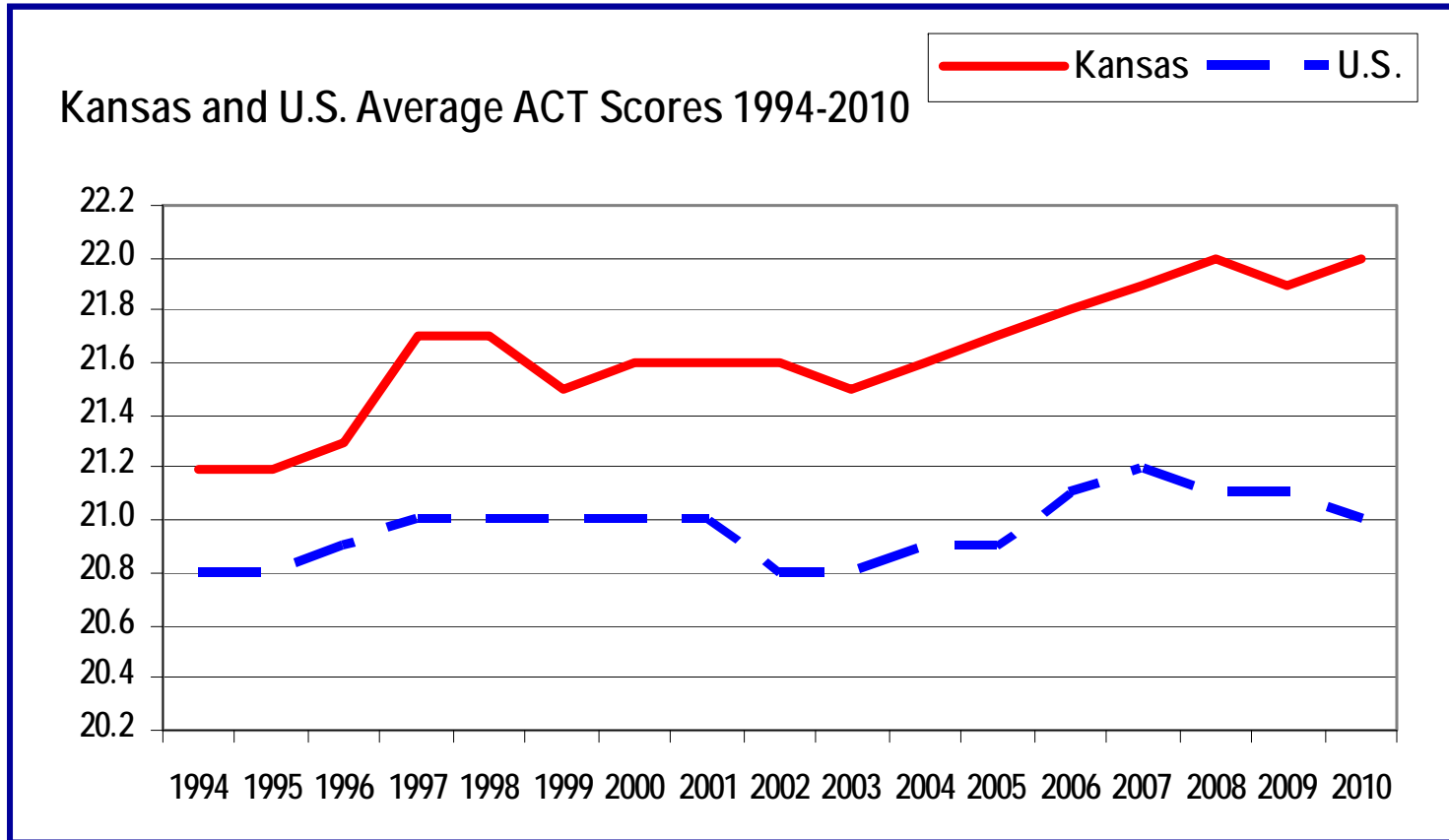


NAEP Grade 8 Math - Free Lunch Students





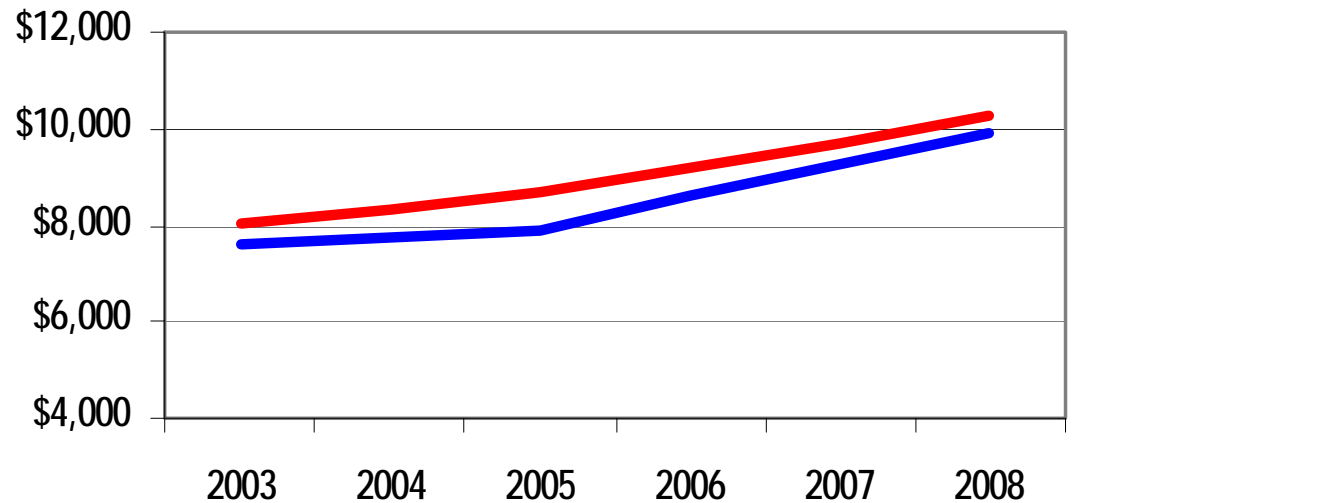
# Kansas ACT scores show long-term improvement; exceed national average.





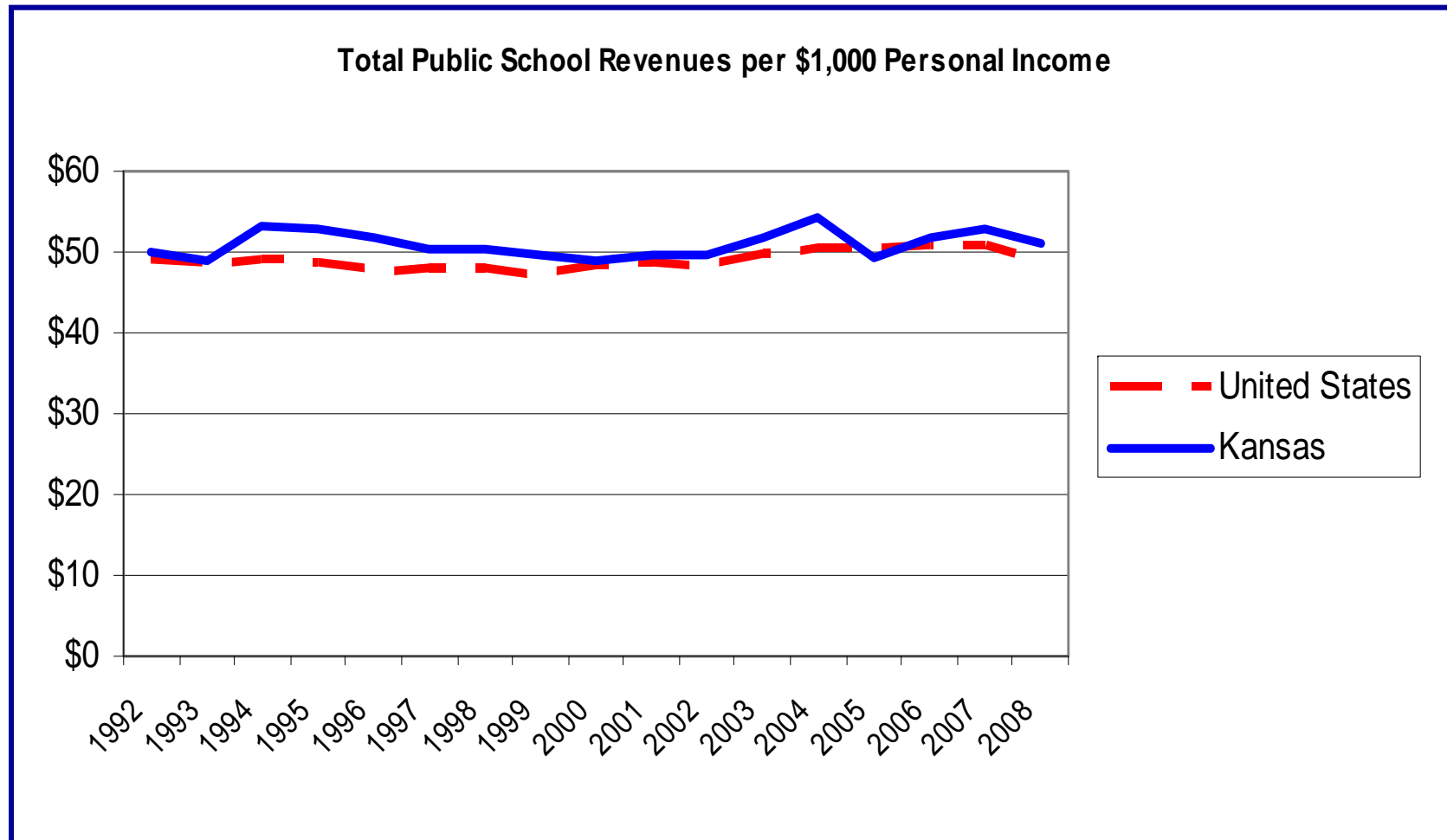
**Kansas spending per pupil is below the national average; but has increased at a similar rate.**

Current Spending Per Pupil  
National Center for Education Statistics Reports





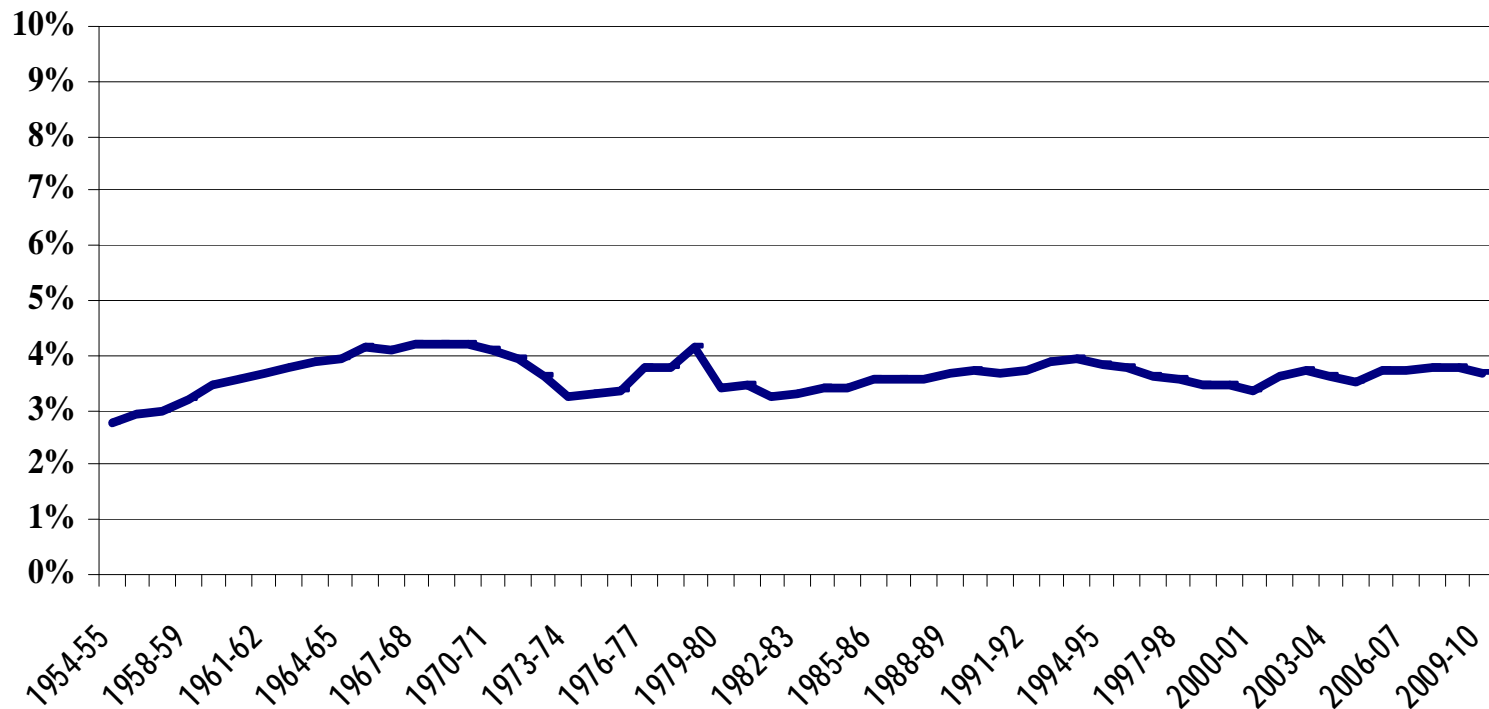
# Kansas total school spending compared to personal income has remained stable since 1992.





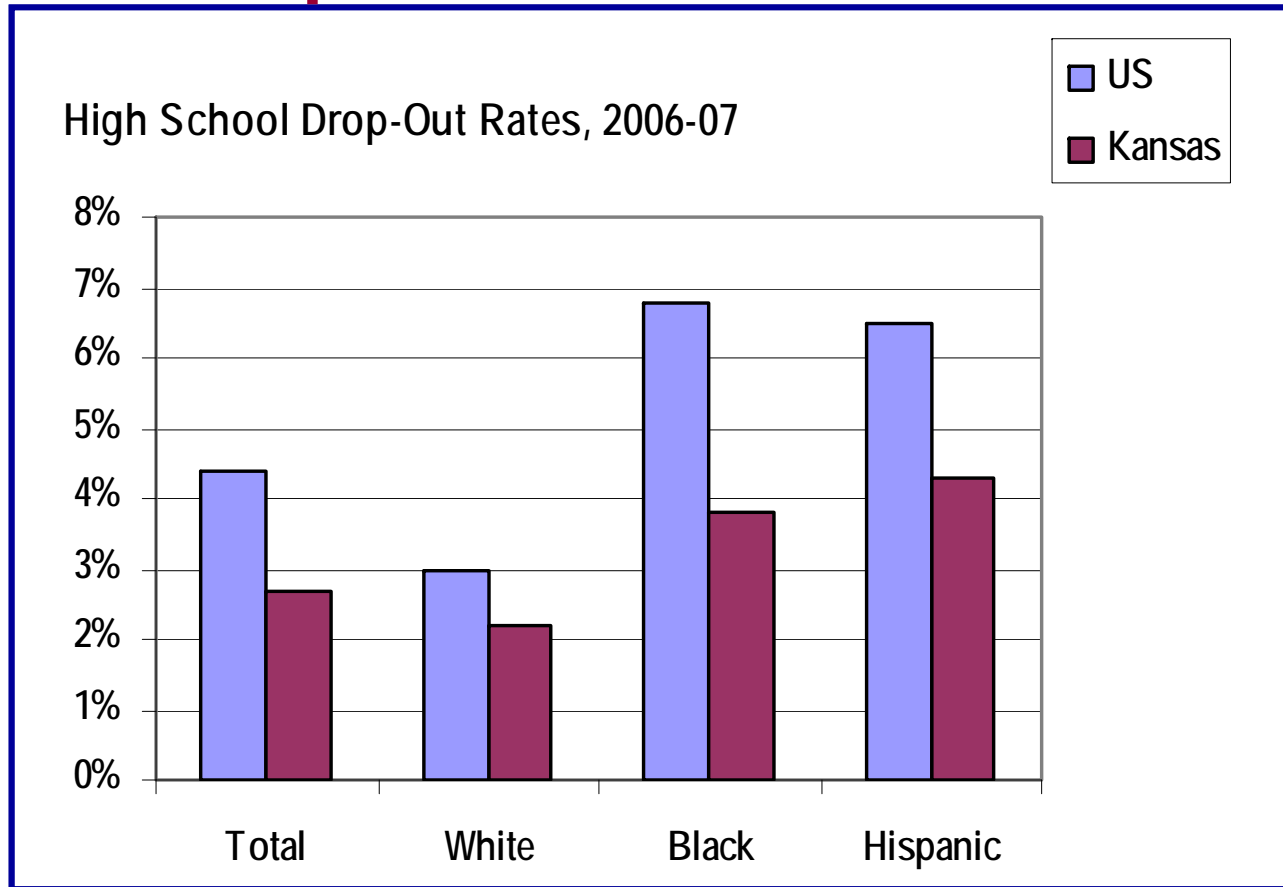
# Kansas school general fund spending compared to personal income has remained stable since 1960.

Total School District General Fund Expenditures as Percent of Kansas Personal Income, 1955-2010 (Estimate)



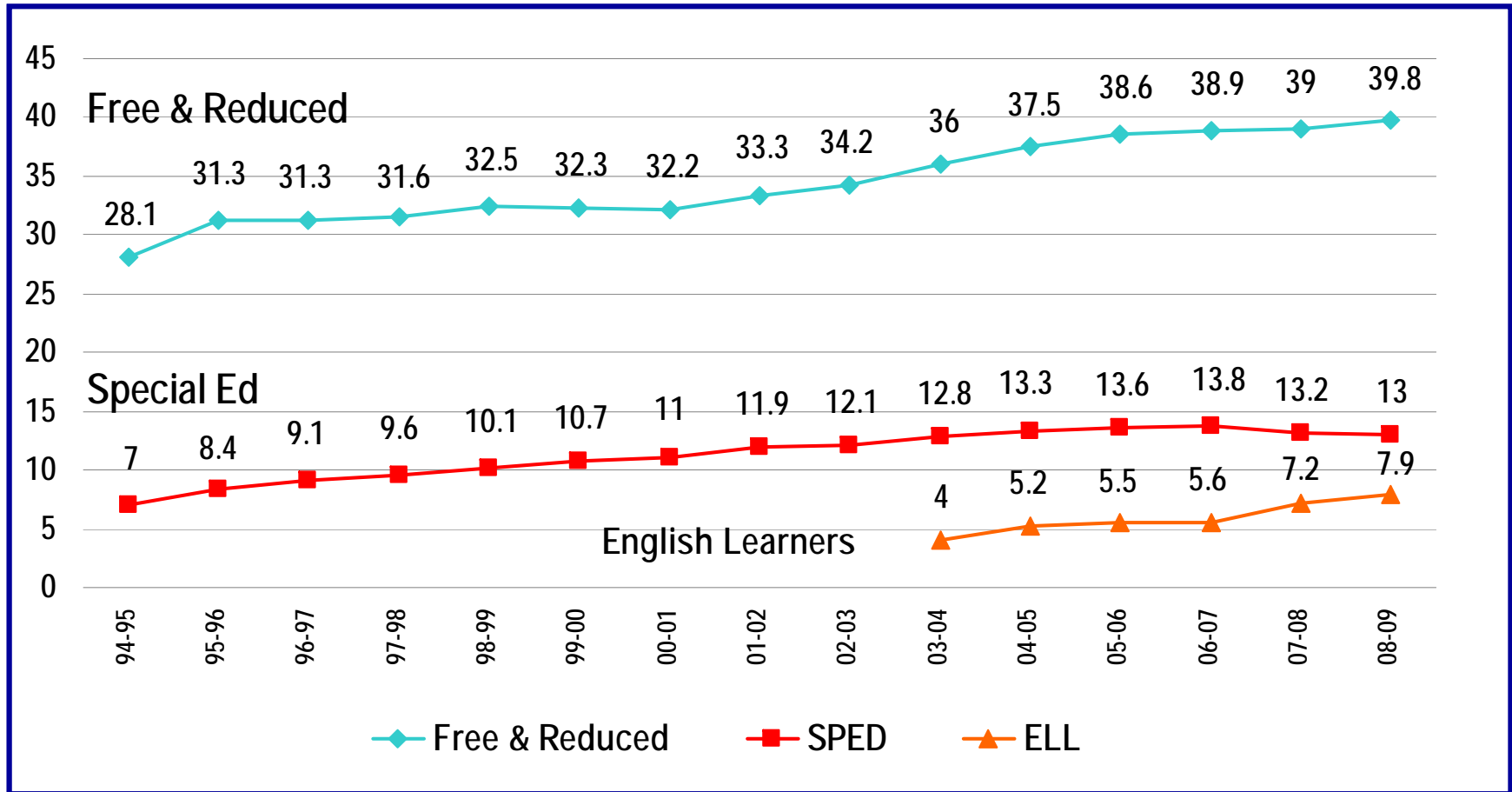


**Challenges: racial achievement disparities persist in test scores, graduation, college attainment and drop-out rates.**





# Challenges: Increasing numbers of students with special needs





# Current year funding issues.

To maintain base budget at \$4,012 (as districts published):

- Replace loss in revenues from 20 mill levy \$29.8 m.
  - Add for 5% increase in at-risk students \$13.6 m.
  - Add for 1,430 additional students \$5.7 m.
- Total: \$49.1 m.**

*(Equates to approx. \$75 base budget per pupil)*

Additional needed to meet federal special education  
maintenance of effort (MOE) or lose future federal aid: **\$16 m.**

***Governor's proposed budget does NOT include these funds.***

***Governor's ending balance: \$35.7 million (0.6%)***



# Governor's Proposed Budget for FY 2011-12

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$35.7 m.</b>
• Tax Revenues (Nov. Revenue Estimate)	\$5,810.6 m.
• Transfers In (\$200 m. from Highway Fund)	\$234.1 m.
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$6,080.4 m.</b>
• FY 11 Base Expenditures (less shifts)	\$5,588.8 m.
• Human Service Caseloads	\$245.6 m.
• KPERS Rate Increase	\$41.3 m.
• Replace Ed. Jobs Funding, Special Education	\$145.9 m.
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$6,072.9 m.</b>
<b>Ending Balance (0.001%)</b>	<b>\$7.5 m.</b>



# K-12 Education Funding, FY 11-12

## Loss of Federal Stimulus Funds:

- Education Jobs \$92.4 m.
- State Fiscal Stabilization Funds \$52.8 m.
- Stimulus Special Education Aid \$52.7 m.
- Total (Equal nearly \$300 base budget per pupil) \$197.0 m.

## Governor's Additions:

- Special Ed to meet Maintenance of Efforts \$60.0 m.
- KPERS School (Includes community colleges) \$36.4 m.
- Capital Improvement Aid \$5.3 m.
- General State Aid (from State General Fund) \$27.4 m.

***Base Per Pupil drops \$241 from \$4,012 to \$3,780***



## **Funding challenges:** **Increased educational requirements.**

- Higher AYP Targets (100% in 2014)
- Additional special education needs
- New educational mandates
- Potential reductions in federal aid under new Congress (currently approximately \$400 million w/out ARRA funds)