



Johnson County's Best Value in Public Education USD 232 De Soto and USD 231 Gardner-Edgerton

Students who read grade-appropriate material with full comprehension and usually perform accurately on all grade-level math tasks are best positioned for success in college and career. Disparate demographic compositions and achievement gaps distort districts' average scores, so student cohorts must be separately compared. De Soto and Gardner Edgerton have the highest and second-highest percentages of income-based cohorts attaining these levels in Reading and Math and also spend the least per-pupil on current operations (no capital or debt included). This further disproves the notion that spending drives achievement.

	Reads Grade-Appropriate Material with Full Comp.		Usually Accurate on all Grade-Level Math Tasks		2014 Current Operating Spend PP
	Not Low Income	Low Income	Not Low Income	Low Income	
Blue Valley	81.0%	59.3%	69.8%	43.9%	\$ 10,187
De Soto	80.9%	64.4%	76.4%	56.9%	\$ 8,754
Gardner-Edgerton	80.5%	68.5%	81.1%	71.3%	\$ 9,054
Olathe	79.9%	55.4%	74.0%	46.6%	\$ 10,277
Shawnee Mission	77.7%	49.0%	70.1%	43.4%	\$ 9,855
Spring Hill	69.8%	54.1%	59.9%	48.7%	\$ 9,288

Source: 2013 state assessment; 2014 assessment results not published. KSDE does not require students to read grade-appropriate material with full comprehension or usually perform accurately on all grade-level math tasks to meet standards; such performance is considered Advanced and Exceeds Standard. Low Income designation based on eligibility for free & reduced lunch.

Taxpayers Would Save \$127.1 Million if These Districts Operated at De Soto's Cost

Cost Center	Blue Valley	Shawnee Mission	Olathe	Spring Hill	Gardner Edgerton
Instruction	\$16.0	\$22.6	\$28.2	\$0.9	\$0.6
Student Support	\$7.1	\$7.2	\$13.4	\$0.6	\$0.0
Staff Support	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Administration	\$8.4	\$5.2	\$6.3	\$0.8	\$1.2
Oper. / Maint.	\$3.4	\$2.3	\$0.7	\$0.4	\$0.6
Transportation	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.9
Food Service	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
total	\$35.0	\$37.3	\$48.6	\$2.8	\$3.3

Source: KSDE Comparative Performance & Fiscal System. Some small spending amounts are not listed in CPFS so the amounts listed here may be slightly lower than actual. Capital expenditures are all reflected in Capital Outly and not allocated to other cost centers. If a district's costs are lower than De Soto, no calculation is made. No allowance is made for additional savings that would occur if De Soto operated more efficiently.



Spending Per-Pupil Comparison - Johnson County School Districts

	Blue Valley			Shawnee Mission			Olathe		
	2005	2014	% Chg.	2005	2014	% Chg.	2005	2014	% Chg.
Instruction	\$ 4,810	\$ 6,254	30%	\$ 4,890	\$ 6,369	30%	\$ 5,202	\$ 6,533	26%
Student Support	\$ 510	\$ 622	22%	\$ 414	\$ 565	36%	\$ 526	\$ 779	48%
Staff Support	\$ 469	\$ 522	11%	\$ 271	\$ 368	36%	\$ 374	\$ 399	7%
Administration	\$ 929	\$ 1,137	22%	\$ 740	\$ 942	27%	\$ 825	\$ 971	18%
Oper. / Maint.	\$ 672	\$ 902	34%	\$ 631	\$ 829	31%	\$ 617	\$ 766	24%
Transportation	\$ 245	\$ 325	33%	\$ 254	\$ 358	41%	\$ 337	\$ 377	12%
Food Service	\$ 377	\$ 424	12%	\$ 334	\$ 424	27%	\$ 349	\$ 452	30%
Capital Outlay	\$ 733	\$ 776	6%	\$ 847	\$ 1,538	82%	\$ 568	\$ 280	-51%
Debt Service	\$ 1,708	\$ 2,070	21%	\$ 561	\$ 948	69%	\$ 1,316	\$ 1,695	29%
Total	\$ 10,454	\$ 13,033	25%	\$ 8,941	\$ 12,341	38%	\$ 10,117	\$ 12,252	21%

Instruction % of Total Spending	46%	48%	55%	52%	51%	53%
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	De Soto			Gardner-Edgerton			Spring Hill		
	2005	2014	% Chg.	2005	2014	% Chg.	2005	2014	% Chg.
Instruction	\$ 4,688	\$ 5,504	17%	\$ 4,540	\$ 5,625	24%	\$ 4,841	\$ 5,823	20%
Student Support	\$ 245	\$ 290	18%	\$ 328	\$ 290	-11%	\$ 406	\$ 497	22%
Staff Support	\$ 277	\$ 615	122%	\$ 323	\$ 265	-18%	\$ 319	\$ 215	-33%
Administration	\$ 1,077	\$ 742	-31%	\$ 1,032	\$ 971	-6%	\$ 728	\$ 1,034	42%
Oper. / Maint.	\$ 664	\$ 741	12%	\$ 702	\$ 865	23%	\$ 739	\$ 883	20%
Transportation	\$ 449	\$ 409	-9%	\$ 428	\$ 577	35%	\$ 315	\$ 424	35%
Food Service	\$ 345	\$ 454	32%	\$ 336	\$ 460	37%	\$ 395	\$ 412	4%
Capital Outlay	\$ 545	\$ 500	-8%	\$ 386	\$ 209	-46%	\$ 208	\$ 72	-65%
Debt Service	\$ 1,747	\$ 2,638	51%	\$ 1,907	\$ 2,489	31%	\$ 1,467	\$ 2,096	43%
Total	\$ 10,037	\$ 11,892	18%	\$ 9,985	\$ 11,752	18%	\$ 9,420	\$ 11,457	22%

Instruction % of Total Spending	47%	46%	45%	48%	51%	51%
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