

INFORMATION SHEET



Accreditation & Design

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Director, Accreditation and Design

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Jay Scott has been with the Kansas State Department of Education for the last eleven years and currently serves in the role of Director of Accreditation and Design, beginning in the spring of 2022. Jay previously was the Secondary School Redesign Specialist and oversaw Career & Technical Education during his time at KSDE. Prior to joining the state department, Jay was a teacher and administrator for fifteen years in Kansas schools. He has earned a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Science Education from Baker University, a Master's in Educational Leadership from Emporia State University, and recently completed a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Kansas State University. Jay looks forward to supporting school systems across the state in creating learning experiences that elevate opportunities for students.

Assistant Director, K-12 Accreditation

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Myron Melton is the Assistant Director of Accreditation and Design at the Kansas State Department of Education. Myron supports systems in utilizing the KESA model as a means of implementing a quality system improvement process that leads to improved outcomes and opportunities for students. This includes helping systems to integrate the components of KESA, such as, seamlessly embedding the State Board Outcomes and the KSDE Four Fundamentals into a systemwide process. Before his current position, Myron served a School Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning Consultant and KESA Coordinator at KSDE. Before joining KSDE, Myron had a thirty-two-year career in public education as an elementary teacher, elementary principal, and middle school principal.



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West Regional Executive

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Dr. Amber Miller joined the KSDE Accreditation and Design Team as a Regional Executive in July 2023. Before coming to KSDE, she was an Educational Consultant with Southwest Plains Educational Service Center focusing on KESA, instructional coaching, Project-Based Learning, STEAM, and other professional learning. Dr. Miller was also an Assistant Director at High Plains Educational Service Center, gifted facilitator, and elementary teacher for over 30 years in Western Kansas. Dr. Miller earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership in 2020, a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in ESL, along with endorsements in Gifted Education, Building and District Leadership, and a Specialist in Reading from Emporia State University. She lives in Western Kansas.

Central Regional Executive

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Mindy Bruce has served in education for the past 33 years. Her experience includes serving as a teacher, principal, Assistant superintendent of instruction and school superintendent. Her expertise in program implementation, community relations, teaching and learning, assessments, curriculum development and school improvement enhance the services she will share with the KSDE accreditation and design team. Mindy has the following education: MA Education Administration and supervision, BA Elementary Education and BS Animal Science.

East Regional Executive

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Jean has been with the Kansas State Department of Education for the last four years and currently serves in the role of East Regional Executive on the Accreditation and Design team. Jean previously served on the Special Education and Title Services (SETS) team working primarily with Title I Schoolwide programs. Before joining the state department, Jean was a district superintendent, assistant superintendent, building principal, teacher, and service center School Improvement specialist in Kansas.

