

Top Area School District

De Soto USD 232 is leading the Kansas City Metro



USD 232 RANKED SECOND IN THE METRO AS TOP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE KANSAS CITY BUSINESS JOURNAL recently launched its new school index score to measure Kansas City school districts and identify those school systems considered to be high performing.

USD 232 is ranked second behind the Blue Valley School District leading the Kansas City area as top school districts.

According to the Kansas City Business Journal (KCBJ), the index is based on student performance on standardized exams at various grade levels, district wide student-teacher ratios and graduation rates, using the most recent data available for each district.

KCBJ subscribers can view the full Top Kansas City school districts list online. <http://bit.ly/topKCSchools>

ABOUT THE INDEX

The KCBJ School Index is comprised of nine components of equal weight. Districts receive a score for each component, based on how they compare with the bi-state average. Data comes from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Kansas State Department of Education, surveys completed by the districts and KCBJ staff calculations.

Below is a list of the nine components used to compute each district's total index score.

- Student-teacher ratio
- Fourth-grade English, language arts/reading proficiency
- Fourth-grade math proficiency
- Fourth and fifth-grade science proficiency
- Eighth-grade English, language arts/reading proficiency
- Eighth-grade math proficiency
- Seventh and eighth-grade science
- Four-year graduation rate
- ACT scores



TOP 10 AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SOURCE: KANSAS CITY BUSINESS JOURNAL

1. Blue Valley School District
2. **De Soto USD No. 232**
3. Gardner-Edgerton
4. Piper USD No. 203
5. Park Hill School District
6. Smithville School District
7. Olathe School District
8. Liberty Public Schools
9. Raymore-Peculiar District
10. Blue Springs School District