

# What is the State's duty under the Kansas Constitution regarding school finance?

Article 6, Section 6(b) of the Kansas Constitution requires the Kansas Legislature “make suitable provision for the finance of the educational interests of the state.” The Supreme Court of Kansas has, in interpreting the requirements of the Kansas Constitution, determined that – in addition to “whether students are provided a suitable education” – “the actual costs of providing a constitutionally suitable education and the equity with which the funds are distributed are critical factors for the legislature to consider in crafting a suitable formula for financing public education.” See *Montoy V*, at 10 (citing *Montoy II*, at 775).

