

2-Way Messaging

In July 2026, Kansas House Bill takes effect to regulate how direct messages can be sent between a student and any school district employee. The new law outlines criteria for what digital communication tools staff members may use when contacting a student.

The new law allows two-way messaging between students and district employees when using board-approved communication systems that meet each of the following criteria:

- The platform is owned, licensed, or contractually controlled by the school district.
- All user accounts are created by and continually managed by the school district.
- District officials have access, oversight, and the ability to review an archive of all messages that have been sent.
- Parents and guardians can access the platform.
- Further details to be provided in August 2026.

Social Media Guidelines

Kansas state law requires school districts to use social media for public one-way communication only. KASB outlines guidelines for employee conduct. To comply, district staff must follow the detailed expectations:

- No direct messaging: employees cannot privately message or engage in two-way conversations with students on social media.
- No comments: official district and school accounts will disable comments to prevent unmonitored communication.
- Approved platforms only: staff must use district and school approved tools for two-way communication.