

5/22/2025

Dr. Stacy King
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Kansas City, MO 641063051

RE: Kc International Academy

Dear Dr. King,

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has reviewed the fiscal year 2024 audit, including the audit findings and the District's planned corrective actions. A description of each finding and DESE's determination related to the District's planned corrective action is provided on Attachment A.

If you disagree with the resolution to the audit finding and wish to propose an alternative, please feel free to contact me at (573) 751-0357 or Tammy.Lehmen@dese.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

Tammy Lehmen, Coordinator

Enclosures

cc:

Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Passed through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Program: State-Transportation

Transportation

Finding Number: MO24-01

Condition: Student ridership listings used to report the October and February count days did not clearly identify the students that were considered regular riders and those that were excluded. Although this method provides materially correct information, state transportation regulations require that schools report actual ridership counts during October and February.

Recommendation: The School should review the data from the contracted transportation company to ensure accurate reporting and follow state transportation regulations.

Planned Corrective Action: The Academy contracts its transportation services through a third-party vendor. The vendor is selected using a request for proposal process. Pursuant to its agreement with the Academy, the transportation vendor is required to comply with the Pupil Transportation Laws of the State of Missouri and Regulations and Standards of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The selected vendor is required to make and furnish the Academy such reports as required or reasonably requested by the Missouri DESE.

The Academy advised the vendor of its continuing obligation to report accurate ridership and that failure to do so could result in termination of the agreement. The Academy reviewed the Missouri State Transportation Aid Document Preparation Manual and correspondence with DESE, so as to create a process that the vendor needs to follow. To date, the Academy continues to seek to identify evidence that supports that the vendor is able to comply with the process developed to ensure the Academy receives accurate ridership information. In the absence of this evidence, the Academy will continue to guide the vendor in providing the needed ridership information through frequent, proactive communication outlining the specific request, followed by clarifying correspondence when the information provided is in question.

DESE's determination: DESE agrees with the auditor's recommendation and accepts management's planned corrective action. The finding is resolved.