

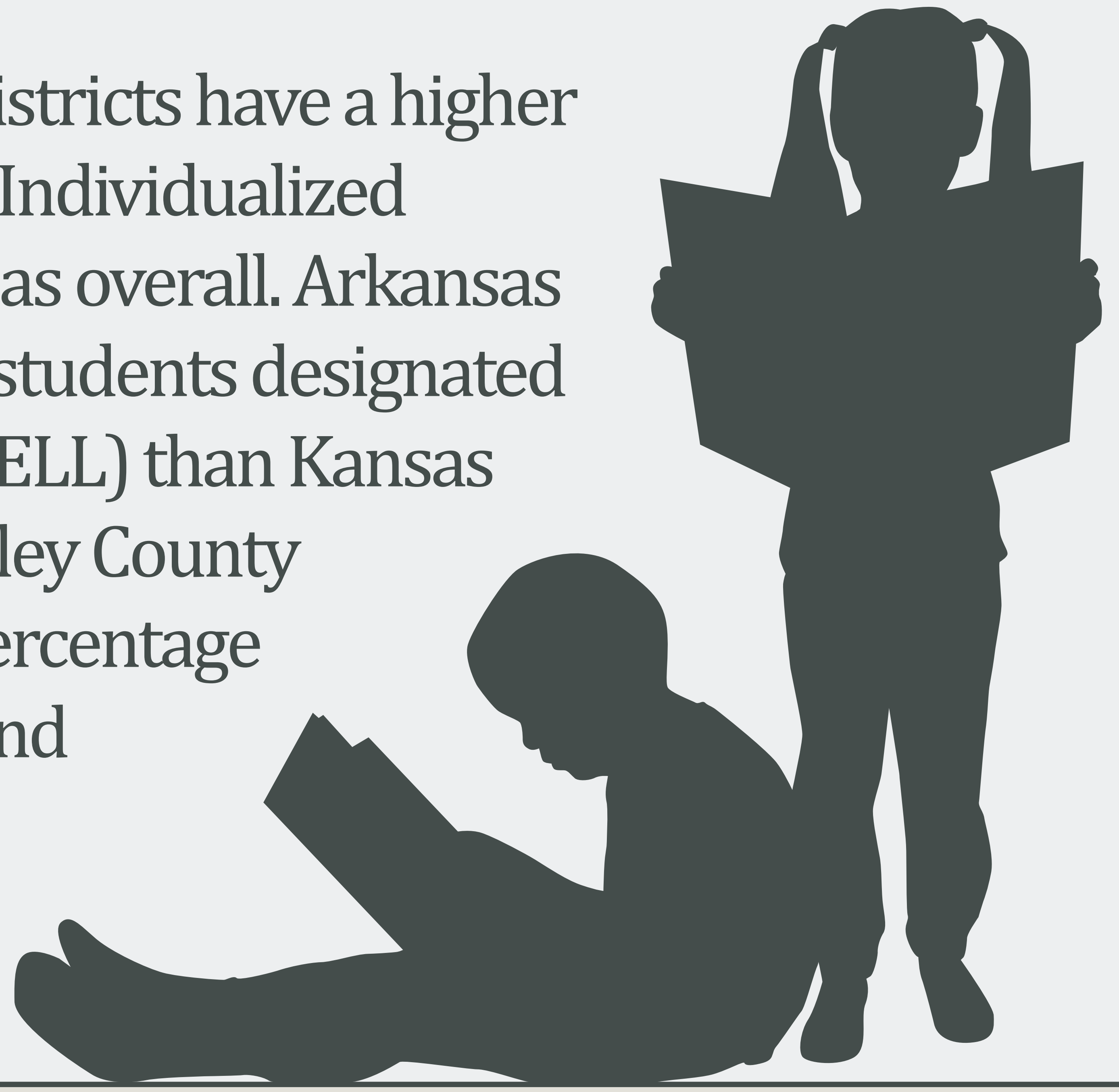
Data Walk: Cowley County EDUCATION

What This Measures:

- Percent of children by school district that are identified as needing individualized support under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Percent of students by school district who qualify for free- and reduced-price lunches under the National School Lunch Program.
- Percent of students by school district who are considered English Language Learners because English is not their first language in Cowley County.

STUDENT NEEDS

All five Cowley County school districts have a higher percentage of students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) than Kansas overall. Arkansas City has a higher percentage of students designated as English Language Learners (ELL) than Kansas overall and the majority of Cowley County school districts have a higher percentage of students approved for Free and Reduced-Price Lunches (FRL) than Kansas overall.



Percent of Students With an Individualized Education Plan, Who Are Eligible for Free- and Reduced-Price Lunch, or Who Are Designated as English Language Learners, 2021-2022 School Year

| School District | USD # | Enrollment | Percent of IEP | Percent of ELL | Percent of FRL |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Arkansas City | USD 470 | 2,784 | 26.2 | 19.2 | 64.2 |
| Central | USD 462 | 297 | 17.8 | 0.0 | 59.9 |
| Dexter | USD 471 | 268 | 33.2 | 0.0 | 42.5 |
| Udall | USD 463 | 328 | 27.4 | 0.0 | 41.5 |
| Winfield | USD 465 | 2,208 | 24.3 | 4.1 | 72.6* |
| Kansas | Statewide | 478,749 | 16.3 | 9.2 | 43.2* |

Note: *Enrollment number (denominator) used for calculating the percentage for FRL is 2,210 for Winfield (USD 465) and 479,743 for Kansas (statewide).
Source: Kansas State Department of Education, Kansas Report Card, 2022 and Kansas State Department of Education, Kansas K-12 Report Generator, 2021-2022.

Individualized Education Plan

Schools with higher proportions of individuals who receive services under the Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) may need additional support and staff to ensure that each student with a disability makes adequate progress. IDEA covers 13 disability categories, including developmental delay, emotional disturbance and intellectual disability.

(Source: National Center for Education Statistics)

Free and Reduced-Price Lunches

Research shows that receiving free or reduced-price school lunches reduces food insecurity, obesity rates and poor health.

(Sources: County Health Rankings)

English Language Learners

Limited English proficiency can be a barrier to completing high school graduation requirements, understanding health information, and accessing college, job opportunities and health care services.

(U.S. Department of Justice, Healthy People 2030)

