Graphic Standards
INTRODUCTION

This Graphic Standards Manual sets guidelines for appropriate treatment of the Kansas logo as well as other visual elements such as typography, layout and photography. Everyone involved in the creation of communication materials should carefully study and apply these guidelines as we work together to assure a consistent, uniform look for state agency communications.

To request an exception from these graphic standards, please contact Sherriene Jones-Sontag, Communications Director for Governor Sam Brownback at Media@ks.gov or (785) 368-7138.

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STATE AGENCY LOGOS

This page illustrates the use of the Kansas logo for state agencies. All agencies are encouraged to adopt the logo to project a consistent brand throughout state government. Proper and consistent use of the logos is essential to establishing and maintaining a strong brand image.

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STATE AGENCY LOGOS

Each state agency logo is unique. Do not recreate the logos. Use ONLY the original art provided by the State Printer or Commerce.
LOGO COLORS

The examples shown on this page and the following page are the ONLY acceptable color combinations permitted.

LOGO COLOR SPECIFICATIONS

**KANSAS GOLD**
(or PANTONE® 7409 C/U)
Process 0c 33m 98y 0k
RGB 241 173 2

**KANSAS BLUE**
(or PANTONE® 281 C/U)
Process 100c 85m 0y 20k
RGB 0 37 105

The colors shown throughout this manual have not been evaluated by Pantone, Inc., for accuracy and may not match the PANTONE Color Standards. Consult current PANTONE Publications for accurate color. PANTONE® is the property of Pantone, Inc.

If a one-color logo is used on a color background (not white), it is permissible to use the one-color logo with a solid banner reversing out the Ad Astra Per Aspera.
REVERSE APPLICATIONS

The logo may be reversed out of any color that provides enough contrast for it to read clearly. It may also be reversed out of a photograph as long as there is adequate contrast and if the detail in the photo does not obscure the logo.

In either case, the preferred version is gold and white (top example), as long as the gold star ribbon contrasts well with the background image.

If a reversed-out logo is used in a small size, it is permissible to make the "Ad Astra Per Aspera" transparent.
LOGO SIZE PREFERENCES AND ALTERNATE CONFIGURATIONS

Whenever possible, the logo should be at least 1-1/4” in length.
LOGO STAGING AREA

Staging refers to the amount of clear space surrounding the Kansas or agency logo. Adequate staging achieves separation from other elements such as images, copy blocks, headlines and the edge of the page. Ample staging will set off the logo with impact.

Whenever possible, allow 3/8" white space surrounding the logo.
UNACCEPTABLE LOGO APPLICATIONS

To ensure a consistent visual brand image it is important to use only the artwork available through the State Printer or Commerce. This artwork should never be altered.

Do not substitute other fonts.

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Only use the approved colors outlined in this document.

Elements that make up the logo should not be rearranged.

Do not overprint or reverse out of busy backgrounds.
There are two font families approved for the Kansas state brand: Futura and Times New Roman. Limit use to these two fonts to ensure a consistent and identifiable look. (See exception for electronic communications on page 12.)

Futura is the dominant font for the majority of uses such as ads, collateral, signage, banners, etc. A sampling of the fonts within the Futura family appears here and on the next page.

The non-condensed fonts shown here are the preferred fonts for most applications.
The condensed Futura fonts may be used in situations where space does not allow the use of the standard fonts shown on page 10.

Futura Book Condensed

Futura Condensed Italic

Futura Condensed Bold

Futura Condensed Bold Italic

Futura Condensed Light

Futura Condensed Light Italic
KANSAS FONTS (continued)

Times New Roman is the preferred font for body copy in collateral materials and other long text documents.

ABCDEFghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890
Times New Roman

ABCDEFghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890
Times New Roman Italic

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

Times New Roman Bold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

Times New Roman Bold Italic

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

Arial is the preferred font for use in electronic media such as websites, e-newsletters and e-mail. Verdana is an acceptable substitute.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

Arial

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

Arial Bold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

Verdana
ADDRESS BLOCK TYPE

Futura is the preferred font for address blocks. However, if this font is unavailable, Times New Roman may be used.

PREFERRED

Typography:
In this example, the address is set in Futura Book.

Address
City, State, Zip

ALLOWED

Typography:
In this example, the address is set in Times New Roman.

Address
City, State, Zip
STATIONERY STANDARDS

The layouts on this page show the preferred versions for letterhead, #10 envelopes and business cards for a typical state agency.

Typography:
Body of letter should be set in Times New Roman.

Agency names should be used exactly as specified on page 4.
The layouts on this page show the preferred versions for faxes, memos, note cards, note card envelopes, mailing labels and name tags.
USE OF THE STATE SEALS

Kansas State Seal

Kansas State Seal: Use with any appropriate agency materials.

Great Seal of the State of Kansas

Great Seal of the State of Kansas:
Use only with the approval of the Governor’s Office. This version of the seal is used only for official documents issued by the Governor.
Seals can be screened back if desired.

APPLYING THE GRAPHIC STANDARDS

The following pages contain numerous examples of proper application of the graphic standards. By applying all the guidelines presented on the previous pages, and by avoiding unacceptable applications (see page 9), all materials produced for all State Agencies will take on a consistent, professional look.
APPLYING THE GRAPHIC STANDARDS:
SAMPLE TWO-COLOR REPORT COVER

Typography:
In this example, the title and subtitle is set in Futura.

Logo Position:
Always follow the rules of logo staging (see page 8) to provide enough clear space around the logo.
Molecular structures. Nanoparticles. Human, animal and plant cells. They’re too small to see with the naked eye, but they’re the building blocks of enormous advancements in the biosciences. Advancements that improve our health and our quality of life. Advancements that are being made every day in Kansas.

For more information on bringing your bioscience company to Kansas, call us at (913) 345-8347 or visit KansasCommerce.com.

SURE, IT’S A TINY DROP. BUT IT COULD LEAD TO A HUGE BREAKTHROUGH.

A SAMPLE FOUR-COLOR POSTCARD
APPLYING THE GRAPHIC STANDARDS: VISUAL RELATIONSHIP OF THE COMMERCE/AGENCY LOGO WITH ANOTHER LOGO

This page illustrates use of the Commerce logo when used in conjunction with a program logo.