

Body Venture

Schedule NOW for School Year 2025-2026



Body Venture is a traveling health education exhibit for **K-5 students** operated by Child Nutrition & Wellness, Kansas State Department of Education. It is a great opportunity for students to learn about the importance of making healthy food choices and being physically active. Body Venture travels in its own truck and sets up in the school gym or multi-purpose room.

The Body Venture Experience

Body Venture is an enclosed walk-through exhibit representing the human body. At each of Body Venture's eleven learning stations, a volunteer presenter engages the students in an experiential and educational activity focused on healthy choices helping learn to **Eat Smart. Play Hard.** The tour begins in the Body Venture lunchroom when students, in groups of eight to ten, receive a food tag designating them as a "local Kansas food" such as a carrot, lean beef or piece of cheese. The second stop is the brain where students learn about brain function. The "foods" step into the exhibit's larger-than-life mouth, are "swallowed" through the esophagus tunnel and move into the stomach. From the stomach, the students travel through the small intestine where they become nutrients and are absorbed into the blood. The nutrients then travel through the heart, lungs, bones, muscles, and skin stations. Students leave the body through a cut in the skin and proceed to the Pathway to Life, which recaps key health concepts from each of the ten previous stations. It takes each group of students about an hour to complete the Body Venture experience.

How do I schedule Body Venture visit to my school?

Please refer to the *Body Venture Scheduling Information and Guidelines*. Complete the *Request to Schedule* form on page 5 after reading through the requirements to host Body Venture. Please return the request by **May 31, 2025**.

What is the cost for Body Venture?

Each school will pay \$1.50 per participating student (minimum of \$100 and maximum of \$500 per day) to help defray the cost of Body Venture operation.

How many students can participant in Body Venture?

A maximum of 500 students can experience Body Venture on a school day.

Can students in grades other than K-5 participate?

Body Venture is not suitable for preschoolers, or students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

What will KSDE provide?

KSDE will provide overall direction and supervision of the Body Venture exhibit. When the Body Venture Manager pulls up to your school's door in the Body Venture truck, he/she will direct the volunteers who set up and take down the exhibit. The manager will also provide a short orientation session for the volunteers who will interact with students in each Body Venture station.



Do you have suggestions where we might obtain funding for Body Venture?

Some ways Kansas schools could fund Body Venture include:

- Students can be asked to pay part of the cost, such as \$1.00 each.
- Local businesses may be willing to donate \$50 each; then recognize them in local news media coverage.

What happens after I complete and return the Body Venture request form?

- You will be notified by June 30 if your school is scheduled to have the Body Venture exhibit during the next school year. Regrets will be sent by email if we are unable to accommodate your date.
- About four weeks prior to your scheduled Body Venture visit, the school contact person will receive a *Body Venture Team Leader Guide*.
- About 2-3 weeks prior to your Body Venture visit, a Child Nutrition & Wellness team member will call your school's contact person to discuss the upcoming visit.

Does my school have to provide anything for Body Venture?

- **A contact person for Body Venture**, who may be a staff member, school administrator, food service employee or parent volunteer. The contact person will: (1) communicate with the Body Venture coordinator, (2) serve as a liaison between the Body Venture Manager and the school staff, (3) forward Body Venture information to teachers, administrators, food service personnel and volunteers, (4) make all local arrangements, and (5) be on site to coordinate all Body Venture activities on the day of the setup and the day of student tours (such as escorting classes to and from the exhibit, etc.)
- **Volunteers.** 8 to 10 volunteers will be needed to set up and take down the exhibit. It takes approximately 1-1½ hours to set up the exhibit and 1 hour to take it down. The volunteers must be capable of lifting items that weigh 30 pounds. A few volunteers must be able to push and roll over 100 lbs during take down. In addition, volunteer presenters will be needed for each of the 11 Body Venture stations and an extra volunteer to fill in, as needed. Schools with over 250 students should plan on having two sets of volunteer presenters: one set to present in the morning and another set in the afternoon.
- **Adequate space for the 45-foot by 50-foot exhibit to be set up indoors.** "Adequate space" means that there will be at least 5 feet on all sides of the exhibit after it is set up. Therefore, the room must be a minimum of 55-feet x 60-feet and the ceiling must be at least 15 feet tall. **Please measure your available space before requesting Body Venture.**
- **Access to electrical outlets.** The blowers for the inflatables require 5 outlets on 3 different breakers. Extension cords are provided if we need to go into a hall or another room.
- **The exhibit will NOT be taken down for lunch.** If students eat in the same area where the exhibit will be set up, alternate arrangements must be made for lunch (such as a picnic outdoors, sack lunches eaten in classrooms, etc.). The exhibit will be set up the afternoon or evening prior to Body Venture. This means the gym or area where it will be set up must not have other school events scheduled.



Scheduling Information & Guidelines

1. Refer to the ***Schedule by County for SY 2025-2026*** to determine the dates Body Venture will be in your geographic area of the state. Request ONLY dates when Body Venture is scheduled in your area and provide ALL dates that will not work for you to host Body Venture.
2. Complete the ***Body Venture Request to Schedule*** form. Completion and submission of the form does not guarantee that Body Venture will be scheduled for your school. Due to popularity of the exhibit, we anticipate Body Venture will not be able to visit all schools that request it during the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Do not send money with the *Body Venture Request to Schedule* form. You will be billed after Body Venture visits your school.
4. Small schools within the same geographic area are encouraged to work together to allow their students to participate in Body Venture at one location on one day.
5. You will be notified by June 30, 2025, if your school is scheduled to have the Body Venture exhibit next school year.
6. *Body Venture Request to Schedule* forms must be received by email or mail no later than May 31, 2025.

MAIL to: **Body Venture Coordinator**
Child Nutrition & Wellness, KSDE
Landon State Office Building
900 SW Jackson, Suite 251, Topeka, KS 66612

EMAIL to: cnw@ksde.gov

Questions: **(785) 296-2276**





Schedule by County for SY 2025-2026

County	Dates for Body Venture	County	Dates for Body Venture
Allen	Feb 24-26, 2026	Linn	Nov 18-20, 2025
Anderson	Nov 18-20, 2025	Logan	Mar 10-12, 2026
Atchison	Sept 30-Oct. 2, 2025	Lyon	Feb 17-19, 2026
Barber	Mar 3-5, 2026	Marion	Dec 9-11, 2025
Barton	Sept 16-18, 2025	Marshall	Sept 30-Oct 2, 2025
Bourbon	Nov 18-20, 2025	McPherson	Dec 2-4, 2025
Brown	Sept 30-Oct 2, 2025	Meade	Apr 14-16, 2026
Butler	Sept 9-11, 2025, Feb 3-5 & 10-12, 2026	Miami	Oct 28-30, 2025
Chase	Dec 9-11, 2025	Mitchell	Mar 24-26, 2026
Chautauqua	Jan 13-15, 2026	Montgomery	Jan 13-15, 2026
Cherokee	Jan 13-15, 2026	Morris	Dec 9-11, 2025
Cheyenne	Sept 23-25, 2025	Morton	Apr 7-9, 2026
Clark	Mar 3-5, 2026	Nemaha	Sept 30-Oct 2, 2025
Clay	Apr 21-23, 2026	Neosho	Feb 24-26, 2026
Cloud	Apr 21-23, 2026	Ness	Mar 10-12, 2026
Coffey	Oct 21-23, 2025	Norton	Sept 23-25, 2025
Comanche	Mar 3-5, 2026	Osage	Oct 21-23, 2025
Cowley	Jan 27-29, 2026	Osborne	Oct 14-16, 2025
Crawford	Nov 18-20, 2025	Ottawa	Apr 21-23, 2026
Decatur	Sept 23-25, 2025	Pawnee	Sept 16-18, 2025
Dickinson	Dec 9-11, 2025	Phillips	Mar 24-26, 2026
Doniphan	Sept 30-Oct 2, 2025	Pottawatomie	Feb 17-19, 2026
Douglas	May 5-7, 2026	Pratt	Mar 3-5, 2026
Edwards	Sept 16-18, 2025	Rawlins	Sept 23-25, 2025
Elk	Jan 13-15, 2026	Reno	Dec 2-4, 2025
Ellis	Oct 14-16, 2025	Republic	Mar 24-26, 2026
Ellsworth	Sept 16-18, 2025	Rice	Dec 2-4, 2025
Finney	Oct 7-9, 2025	Riley	Nov 4-6, 2025
Ford	Mar 3-5, 2026	Rooks	Oct 14-16, 2025
Franklin	Oct 28-30, 2025	Rush	Sept 16-18, 2025
Geary	Nov 4-6, 2025	Russell	Oct 14-16, 2025
Gove	Mar 10-12, 2026	Saline	Dec 2-4, 2025
Graham	Sept 23-25, 2025	Scott	Mar 10-12, 2026
Grant	Apr 7-9, 2026	Sedgwick	Sept 9-11, 2025, Feb 3-5 & 10-12, 2026
Gray	Apr 13-16, 2026	Seward	Apr 14-16, 2026
Greeley	Oct 7-9, 2025	Shawnee	Sept 3-4, 2025
Greenwood	Feb 24-26, 2026	Sheridan	Sept 23-25, 2025
Hamilton	Oct 7-9, 2025	Sherman	Sept 23-25, 2025
Harper	Mar 3-5, 2026	Smith	Mar 24-26, 2026
Harvey	Dec 9-11, 2025	Stafford	Sept 16-18, 2025
Haskell	Apr 14-16, 2026	Stanton	Apr 7-9, 2026
Hodgeman	Mar 10-12, 2026	Stevens	Apr 7-9, 2026
Jackson	Sept 3-4, 2025	Sumner	Jan 27-29, 2026
Jefferson	Jan 20-21, 2026	Thomas	Sept 23-25, 2025
Jewell	Mar 24-26, 2026	Trego	Sept 23-25, 2025
Johnson	Jan 6-8, 2026 & Apr 28-30, 2026	Wabaunsee	Feb 17-19, 2026
Kearny	Oct 7-9 2025	Wallace	Sept 23-25, 2025
Kingman	Mar 3-5, 2026	Washington	Apr 21-23, 2026
Kiowa	Mar 3-5, 2026	Wichita	Mar 10-12, 2026
Labette	Jan 13-15, 2026	Wilson	Feb 24-26, 2026
Lane	Mar 10-12, 2026	Woodson	Feb 24-26, 2026
Leavenworth	Jan 20-21, 2026	Wyandotte	Mar 31-Apr 2, 2026 & Apr 28-30, 2026
Lincoln	Oct 14-16, 2025		



Body Venture Request to Schedule

Email completed request to: CNW@ksde.gov.

USD/X0 Name _____ USD/X0 No. _____

School Name _____ County _____

Contact Name _____

Contact Position/Title _____

Contact Email Address _____

Contact Phone # _____ School Phone # _____

School Street Address _____ City _____

Address where Body Venture information should be sent (if different from above):

Street Address _____ City _____

1. Requested date for Body Venture to come to my school (refer to Body Venture Schedule):

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

2. If your 1st or 2nd choice of dates is not available, should we (check one):

Cancel your request for Body Venture? **OR**

Schedule another date? Please provide all dates that will not work for your schedule.
(i.e. teacher in-service, teacher workdays, days when the gym is unavailable, etc.)

3. Approximate number of K-5 students who will participate from this school: _____
MAXIMUM of 500 students per day.

4. Has Body Venture previously visited your school? Yes No

If so, enter date _____

5. Do you anticipate that students from other schools will participate? Yes No

If yes, list name(s) of school(s) and number of participants from each school.

I have read the attached information and understand the requirements for hosting Body Venture at my school.

Name

Position



For more information, contact:

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