

# 2023-2024 USD Budget Profile



Geary County Schools  
USD 475

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# 2023-2024 Budget General Information

## USD #: 475

### Introduction

Geary County Unified School District #475's mission is to prepare today's students for tomorrow's world. The district serves approximately 7,400 students in public schools in Junction City, Fort Riley, Milford and Grandview Plaza. It operates 12 elementary schools (grades K-5), two middle schools (grades 6-8), an academy-structured high school (grades 9-12), and an early childhood program. It also has an award-winning Parents as Teachers program and a no-cost English Language Learners program.

USD 475 offers a rich, culturally diverse educational environment. More than half of its students are connected to the U.S. Army. The district works closely with Fort Riley to optimize educational opportunities for military families and was the first in Kansas to implement a Military Child Education Coalition Purple Star School program to support military-connected children. USD 475 also collaborates with Kansas State University and other educational institutions to stay on the cutting edge of education in Kansas. The district and its teachers and staff consistently receive state and national certifications, awards, and recognitions. In addition, many community partners provide resources to support student success.

The district receives a large amount of federal Impact Aid funding due to the military impact on its community. The district also qualifies for many federal grants, after-school programs, Title programs, and capital projects. Thanks to various funding sources, USD 475 offers innovative student curricula and instruction as well as professional development opportunities for staff.

USD 475's six-year capital plan is being updated for implementation starting fiscal year 2024. This plan is focused on providing high-quality facilities to support a positive educational experience. The district will open a new elementary in 2023-2024 on the Fort Riley Army base.

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## **Key Staff**

Superintendent:	Dr. Reginald Eggleston
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Manager of Finance	Ardena Carlyon
Executive Director of Personnel Services:	Timothy Winter
Executive Director of Special Education:	Jessica Nelson

## **The District's Accomplishments and Challenges**

### **Accomplishments:**

USD475's student and staff accomplishments demonstrate the positive and diverse learning and work environment provided in USD 475. The district currently has six schools designated as National Blue-Ribbon Schools (three have won the award twice). Additionally, USD 475 has achieved the Army Partnership Award 3x's. These awards represent the culmination of the dedication and resiliency of educators across the district.

USD 475 has received 65 Challenge Awards since 2002 and was the home of Girls 6A State Track Champions in 2022, We have been recognized with the Kansas Scholastic Press Association's Administrator of the Year, Centennial League Coach of the Year, NAMSP School of the Year, and more. USD 475's Special Education program received the Kansas State Department of Education's highest designation.

USD 475 has achieved four Kansas Can Star Recognitions. Our Social Emotional Learning program achieved copper recognition in 2022. Kindergarten Readiness moved from copper to bronze in 2022 and Academically Prepared Post Secondary and Civic Engagement received the copper recognition. Four schools achieved awards for Civic Engagement from the Civic Advocacy Network.

Geary County Schools has received 27 Governor's Awards since 2006 and continues a tradition of student success. USD 475 is a premier school district with seven new buildings being developed since 2010. Our Kansas Assessment scores are above the state average in the majority of the 17 assessments given with three schools being awarded 21<sup>st</sup> Century grants in 2023. These achievements continue to be the legacy of USD 475.

## **Challenges:**

Geary County Schools has unique challenges as a result of the district's closeness with Fort Riley. We continue to manage fluctuating student population, a transient workforce, and varied educational experiences of students coming into the district from around the nation and world. We strive to create a stable learning environment and sense of community for military children and their families. USD 475 has a high percentage of low-income families and students with varied needs. Although we have many new facilities, the majority of new facilities reside on Fort Riley with aging elementary schools within the Junction City, Milford, and Grandview communities. Staff recruitment is a challenge with both licensed and unlicensed positions. These challenges put strains on systems that require continual professional development, system improvements, and creative solutions.

## **Supplemental Information for the Following Tables**

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2. Summary of General Fund Expenditures by Function
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8. Instructional Support Expenditures (2200)
9. General Administration Expenditures (2300)
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11. Central Services Expenditures (2500)
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14. Other Support Services Expenditures (2900)
15. Food Service Expenditures (3100)
16. Community Services Operations (3300)
17. Capital Improvements (4000)
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19. Miscellaneous Information – Transfers (5200)
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***Note: FTE is the audited enrollment 9/20 and 2/20 (if applicable) and estimated for the budget year, which includes preschool-aged at-risk and virtual enrollment. Enrollment does not include non-funded preschool. Beginning 2017-18, full-day Kindergarten is 1.0 FTE. This information is used for calculating Amount Per Pupil for Sumexpen.xlsx and Budget At A Glance (BAG).***

## **KSDE Website Information Available**

### **K-12 Statistics (Building, District or State Totals) Report Generator:**

[https://datacentral.ksde.org/report\\_gen.aspx](https://datacentral.ksde.org/report_gen.aspx)

- Attendance / Enrollment Reports
- Staff Reports
- Graduates / Dropouts Reports
- Crime / Violence Reports

### **School Finance Reports (Data Central) website below:**

<https://datacentral.ksde.org/default.aspx>

- Assessed Valuation
- Cash Balances
- Headcount Enrollment
- Mill Levies
- Personnel (Certified/Non-Certified)
- Salary Reports

### **Kansas Building Report Card website below:**

<http://ksreportcard.ksde.org/>

- Attendance Rate
- Graduation Rate
- Dropout Rate
- School Violence
- Assessments
  - Reading
  - Mathematics
  - Writing
- Graduates Passing Adv. Science Courses
- Graduates Passing Adv. Math Courses

### **Accountability Reports website below:**

<https://datacentral.ksde.org/accountability.aspx>

- Performance Accountability Reports
- Financial Accountability Reports
- Longitudinal Achievement Reports