

2024-2025
USD Budget Profile

Geary County School
USD 475

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2024-2025 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 was implementation starting fiscal year 2024. This plan is focused on providing high-quality facilities to support a positive educational experience. The district opened a new elementary in 2023-2024 on the Fort Riley Army base. The district is in the planning stage of building a new Early Childhood Center.

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The District's Accomplishments and Challenges

Accomplishments:

Geary County Schools student and staff accomplishments demonstrate the positive and diverse learning and work environment provided in USD 475.

Four schools in Geary County Schools USD 475 were awarded the 2023 Civic Advocacy Network (CAN) award from the Kansas State Department of Education.

Fort Riley Elementary, Junction City High School, Lincoln Elementary and Spring Valley Elementary all received the coveted award for their exceptional work within the community. Overall, USD 475 was the only school district in the entire state of Kansas to have more than one school honored, while only 10 schools total received the Civic Advocacy Network award.

In addition, Washington Elementary's Jennifer Fallin became the third-straight Geary County Schools USD 475 teacher to claim the prestigious Kansas Master Teacher honor by Emporia State University. She is also the 10th individual in USD 475 history to be named a member of the Kansas Master Teachers.

USD 475 has also been recognized with a Kansas Scholastic Press Association's Administrator of the Year, Centennial League Coach of the Year, NAMSP School of the Year and much more during the last couple of years. Junction City High School had a banner 2023-24 school year as the Blue Jays captured a league title in boys' basketball for the first time ever in school history. They also had a state championship honoree in track and field.

Geary County Schools USD 475 is the first district in state of Kansas to receive a Purple Star designation. USD 475 has achieved the Army Partnership Award three times. This award represents the culmination of the dedication and resiliency of educators across the district.

Also Academically, Geary County Schools USD 475 ranks higher in its KAP scores than the Kansas state average. USD 475 has had 11 total Blue Ribbon honors. Overall, the district has had eight schools be named a Blue Ribbon School. USD 475 also offers National Honor Society at the elementary, middle and high school.

Overall, 70% of our students are in a building that is brand new or has had a major renovation over the past 12 years. USD 475 has received 27 Governor's Awards since 2006 and continues a tradition of student success.

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.

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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 2017-2018, full-day Kindergarten is 1.0 FTE. Beginning 2021-2022, three-year-old at-risk students were funded. 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

- 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