

2025-2026
USD Budget Profile

Geary County School
USD 475

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2025-2026 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 7,300 students across Junction City, Fort Riley, Milford and Grandview Plaza through 12 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 1 academy-structured high school, and an early childhood program. USD 475 also operates an award-winning Parents as Teachers program and a no-cost English Language Learners program.

Over 50% of students are military-connected, making USD 475 the first district in Kansas to receive the Purple Star designation. The district collaborates closely with Fort Riley, Kansas State University, YMCA afterschool program and other educational partners to ensure high-quality, innovative instruction.

Geary County USD 475 receives substantial federal Impact Aid to support its large population of federally connected students, primarily military-affiliated families stationed at Fort Riley. In addition, the district leverages a range of federal grants-including Title I, IIA, III, IV-A, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers-to provide targeted academic support, after-school programming, and enrichment services across multiple schools. In fiscal year 2024, the district launched a six-year capital improvement plan focused on creating modern, high-quality learning environments that support student achievement and well-being. A key milestone of this plan was the opening of a new, state-of-the-art elementary school on Fort Riley during the 2023–24 school year, designed to serve military-connected students with cutting-edge classrooms and enhanced security. Planning is also well underway for a comprehensive Early Childhood Center, which is currently under construction and scheduled to open in Fall 2026. This facility will serve as the hub for a robust early childhood program, expanding high-quality services for children throughout Geary County.

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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.

USD 475 has earned recognition from the Kansas State Department of Education in the following areas: Individual Plans of Study and Civic Engagement.

USD 475 earned a Silver Star in Civic Engagement with the addition of individual school recognitions. The district was also honored with a Bronze Star for its Individual Plans of Study. By earning a Bronze Star, USD 475 is recognized as a school district that offers quality and inclusive opportunities for each student to experience connected learning which develops academic knowledge as well as technical and employability skills.

Overall, the district currently holds a Silver Star in Civic Engagement as well as a Bronze Star in Individual Plans of Study, Social Emotional Growth and Kindergarten Readiness. USD 475 also has a Copper Star in Academically Prepared for Postsecondary Success.

In addition, USD 475 had four schools, Eisenhower Elementary, Seitz Elementary, Washington Elementary and Westwood Elementary earn the Civic Advocacy Network Award for their commitment to civic engagement for students. KSDE will be recognizing the quartet during state webinars, while also sending a banner to display in their schools.

In all, the district has had a total of 12 schools be recognized in the last two years in civic engagement at the state level, which includes Junction City High School USD 475, Junction City Middle School USD 475, Fort Riley Middle School USD 475, Fort Riley Elementary USD 475, Lincoln Elementary USD 475, Milford Elementary USD 475, Spring Valley Elementary USD 475 and Ware Elementary USD 475.

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 in 2024. She is also the 10th individual in USD 475 history to be named a member of the Kansas Master Teachers.

During the 2024-25 school year, the Kansas State Department of Education announced that Spring Valley Elementary first grade teacher Denise Acosta and Junction City High School audio and video teacher Easton Lager were both named 2024-25 Kansas Horizon Award honorees. By being chosen as Kansas Horizon Award honorees, Acosta and Lager become the

first USD 475 teachers chosen for the award since 2019. In all, USD 475 has now had 20 recipients be named Kansas Horizon Award honorees in its history.

Academically, Lincoln Elementary was named a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. Lincoln is one of only 356 schools nation-wide to receive this prestigious honor in 2024. The Lions are also one of only four elementary schools in the entire state of Kansas, joining the likes of Garfield Elementary in Augusta, Herington Elementary in Herington and Sunflower Elementary in Paola, to earn National Blue Ribbon School honors. This recognition highlights schools that excel in academic performance or make significant strides in closing achievement gaps among different student groups.

With Lincoln Elementary being honored this past year, Geary County Schools has now received a total of 12 National Blue Ribbon School accolades in its history.

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 2024-25 school year as the Blue Jays captured a league title in cross country. They also had a state championship honoree in cross country, girls wrestling, track and field and JAG-K.

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 also offers National Honor Society at elementary, middle and high school.

Overall, 70% of our students are in a building that is brand new or has had major renovation over the past 13 years. USD 475 has received 27 Governor's Awards since 2006 and continues a tradition of student success.

Challenges:

Geary County USD 475 faces unique and ongoing challenges that require strategic focus and adaptability. The high level of student mobility—driven primarily by military assignments at Fort Riley—demands strong transitional support systems and organizational agility to ensure continuity of learning. The district also serves a diverse student population with significant academic, social-emotional, and behavioral needs, necessitating layered interventions and wraparound services. While schools on Fort Riley have benefitted from recent construction and modernization, several facilities in Junction City, Milford, and Grandview Plaza are aging and in need of upgrades to align with current educational standards. Compounding these issues are persistent staffing shortages across both certified and classified roles, reinforcing the importance of ongoing professional development, data-informed decision-making, and innovative resource management to maintain high-quality instruction and student support. A positive has been that walking into the '25 School Year, we currently have less than 80 new teachers. This is significant considering for many years, we have around 120 new educators.

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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.gov/report_gen.aspx

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

School Finance Reports (Data Central) website below:

<https://datacentral.ksde.gov/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.gov/>

- 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.gov/accountability.aspx>

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