

2025-2026

# USD Budget Profile



The mission of Maize USD 266 is to inspire students to discover their potential through connecting, learning, and leading. The district's vision is: The Maize School District is a student-centered environment where all members of the school-community are empowered to participate and thrive academically, civically, and socially through relevant educational experiences and fulfill their life's purpose. The district's core values are integrity, innovation, community, responsibility, empathy, and resilience.

Leaders at Maize USD 266 are focused on the district's Lead Forward strategic plan through 2028. This work will concentrate on four main focus areas that represent the needs mentioned most frequently by our stakeholders during the district needs assessment: Nurture a Cohesive Culture, Attract Expert Educators, Elevate Student Learning, and Build for the Future.

Maize USD 266 proudly and caringly serves about 8,000 students. The district consists of 14 school buildings, including a preschool, five elementary schools, two intermediate schools, two middle schools, two high schools, a career academy, an alternative high school program, a day school program, and a virtual school.

Maize USD 266 employs award-winning educators and staff members and celebrates successful students, alumni, and its nationally recognized schools.

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## The District's Accomplishments and Challenges

### **Accomplishments:**

Maize USD 266 enjoys a broad base of support from the community and passed a \$108.2 million bond issue in 2019 for new schools, building additions, and renovations throughout the district. During the 2022 school year, the district opened two new schools, Maize Intermediate School and Maize South Intermediate School, and the Maize Performing Arts and Aquatics Center. In 2023 and 2024, Maize USD 266 was named by the Wichita Business Journal as the thirteenth largest employer in the Wichita area. Maize USD 266 is named the No. 1 in Best School Districts in Sedgwick County by Niche and has won awards including the Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase; 2015 and 2020 National School of Character, Complete High School Maize; and Civic Advocacy Network Award, Maize High School. Maize USD 266 has had three winners of the national Milken Educator Award, multiple Kansas Teacher of the Year finalists, and multiple winners of the Kansas Horizon Award. Its educators are regularly recognized with Golden Apple Awards from KAKE-TV for excellence in teaching. USD 266 was awarded Kansas Department of Education's STAR recognition in the areas of social-emotional growth, academically prepared, Individual Plans of Study, High School graduation rate, and post-secondary success rate.

Our students perform above the state average on ACT and the Kansas Assessments. The district has a 93.7 percent high school graduation rate and has students who have earned the following accolades: National Merit Semifinalist; perfect ACT score; state and national champions in athletics, academics, and fine arts; internship and shadowing opportunities with community leaders; and graduates excelling in a wide range of careers and industries. USD 266 was awarded Kansas Department of Education's STAR recognition in the areas of social-emotional growth, academically prepared, Individual Plans of Study, High School graduation rate, and post-secondary success rate.

### **Challenges:**

Maize was recently named the fastest growing city in Kansas. With rapid growth, the district faces challenges, such as adding facilities and classroom space. In addition, the rising costs of supplies, utilities, and fuel pose a new challenge for transportation and project management.