

Board of Education Board Workshop
Wichita Public Schools · USD 259
April 3, 2026 · Immediately Following Agenda Review
Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center · Room 809
903 S. Edgemoor · Wichita KS



Wichita Public Schools will be the premier district of choice, and inspire each student and staff member to thrive and become future ready within the greater community.

1. Roll Call

2. Reports

A. Creative Minds / Code to the Future

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Summary: Wichita Public Schools will present Architects of Tomorrow: Scaling Future-Ready Innovation, featuring two strategic research and development initiatives designed to address critical national crises in educational engagement and opportunity access. Creative Minds operates as a public, district-run microschool prototype addressing the engagement crisis through passion-led, mastery-based learning, where students design their own pathways to mastery through quarterly investigations aligned with their intrinsic interests. Code to the Future at Spaght Elementary represents America's first comprehensive K-5 computer science immersion program, systematically closing the digital opportunity gap by providing equitable access to foundational computer science instruction that builds pipelines toward industry credentials and economic mobility.

These dual prototypes embody WPS's commitment to solving systemic national challenges locally while preparing our students with essential 21st-century skills. By addressing both the engagement crisis (36% of students report happiness in traditional settings) and the opportunity chasm (only 11.3% of U.S. elementary students have access to CS instruction), these initiatives demonstrate how reimagining structural design—from seat-time to mastery progression, from traditional grades to competency badges, from isolated subjects to integrated immersion—creates pathways for meaningful transformation in student outcomes, equity, and belonging.

Recommendation: The presentation is for the Board of Education's information.

3. Executive Session

A. Non-Elected Personnel – for the purpose of discussing matters related to non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy rights of an identifiable individual

4. Adjournment