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Profile Information



★ USD 265  
**Goddard**  
**Public Schools**  
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## **Introduction**

### **LOCATION**

Goddard School District covers 65 square miles from Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport in suburban Wichita to the tranquil rural shores of Lake Afton. The City of Goddard is located 8 miles west of Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport. However, the boundaries of Goddard School District begin alongside the airport and continue west to the shores of Lake Afton in a 65 square mile stretch of land bisected by U.S. Highway 54.

### **REPUTATION**

Goddard School District has a long-standing reputation for quality schools and excellent education. USD 265 is one of only a handful of districts in Kansas that has experienced an increase in enrollment for 30 consecutive years.

Since 2003 students have earned more than 350 Standards of Excellence, and in 2013 the Kansas State Department of Education showed that 95.7% of Goddard students achieved proficient or above on state reading assessments, and 96.3% on state math assessments. When newcomers research schools in the Wichita area, these achievements as well as the appeal of staff, facilities and proximity to big city conveniences help to consistently rank Goddard School District as one of the best districts in the state.

Real estate developers also recognize the value of Goddard Public Schools, and list the district's quality schools as a major selling point for new housing additions.

## **Board Members**

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## **Key Staff**

Superintendent: Dr. Justin Henry

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Susan Smith, Payroll Clerk II  
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# **The District's Accomplishments and Challenges**

## **Accomplishments:**

### **SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

The Goddard school community values education and is committed to the excellence of students and staff. Parents contribute thousands of volunteer hours to Goddard schools and school activities each year to supplement classroom budgets and enhance learning opportunities.

Goddard School District primarily serves the communities of west Wichita and Goddard. The city boundaries create challenges, but the school district has become the binding element for the school community. Much of the district's tax base comes from west Wichita, which features a number of upscale and moderate housing developments. Goddard Public Schools patrons recognize that the district ranks with the best school districts in the state, and choose the Goddard school community for that reason.

Three-fourths of the district's students live in the City of Wichita. Approximately 95% of students in grades K-9 ride buses to Goddard schools. The City of Goddard is small — just 3,500 residents — while the school district serves a population of almost 30,000.

### **STUDENTS**

More than 5,500 students attend school in 12 buildings across the district. USD 265 staff of 347 certified staff and 365 classified employees, as well as nearly 250 Sedgwick County Special Education Cooperative staff members provide educational and support services for the students. For about 2% of the students, English is not the primary language spoken in the home. Teachers serve students speaking 25 languages other than English

Goddard's academic excellence is also demonstrated by the fact that more than 87% of Goddard High School students continue to post-secondary education after graduation. Millions of dollars of scholarships and awards are offered to GHS graduates annually, allowing a significant number of students to pursue academic, sports and fine arts achievements in college.

Participation in athletics and other extracurricular activities is well established at the middle school level in USD 265. More than 78% of seventh and eighth grade students are involved in extracurricular activities.

Debate and forensics teams, Science Olympiad squads, instrumentalists and vocal music groups have earned state and national recognition in recent years. School newspaper and journalism staff members were state champions in several categories last year. Athletic teams have won state championships in wrestling, soccer, baseball, bowling, tennis, and cross country.

The expansion and accompanying changes in facilities have proven that Goddard students are resilient and able to adjust to new schools, new teachers, and new administrators. Since 1994, school attendance boundaries have been redrawn district-wide, resulting in many changes for students and staff. Each time, the changes were announced nearly eighteen months in advance, easing the transition for everyone

## **STAFF**

A licensed staff of 347 and classified staff of 365 provide instructional and support services for Goddard School District. 58 percent of the licensed staff members have graduate level degrees. All Goddard teachers are highly qualified for their content areas.

Many of the teachers at Goddard High School teach college-level courses allowing qualified students to concurrently enroll at Wichita State University and Goddard High School. Teachers with master's degrees teach college courses, and students can earn up to 30 credits by the time they earn their high school diplomas.

Goddard teachers annually earn high honors from professional organizations and KSHSAA sports organizations. Some of the recent awards earned include Baseball Coach of the Year, Assistant Principal of the year, Counselor of the Year, Volleyball Coach of the Year, Tennis Coach of the Year, Mimio.com Featured Educator, KACEE Award for Excellence in Conservation and Environmental Education, KIAAA Athletic Director of the Year, KIAAA Elmer "Carp" Carpenter Award, Kansas Horizon awards, Kansas Girls Track and Field Official of the Year, and Golden Apple awards. Other awards earned by Goddard staff members include several KASB/KanSPRA Publications Contest Sweepstakes awards, State Transportation Road-e-o winners, Citizen of the Year, and Award of Excellence from the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force. Goddard High School's ecology program has been nationally recognized and both high schools have earned Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site designations.

## **FACILITIES**

Eight of the district's current schools are located in the City of Goddard, while Explorer Elementary School, Apollo Elementary School, Eisenhower Middle School, and Eisenhower High School are in the Wichita city limits.

Oak Street Elementary School is the oldest school building in the district with construction dating back to 1953. The building currently known as Challenger Intermediate School opened in 1958, and was originally the Goddard High School facility. A football stadium and track located behind the school are still used for middle school football, junior league community football and middle school track events. A replacement facility for Goddard High School opened in 1971. That school building is now known as Discovery Intermediate School.

USD 265's era of rapid expansion began in 1990 with the opening of Clark Davidson Elementary School, followed by a new Goddard High School in 1997, Amelia Earhart Elementary School in 2001, Eisenhower Middle School in 2002, Explorer Elementary School in 2006, and Goddard Academy in 2008. A new Eisenhower Middle School facility and Apollo Elementary School opened in 2010, and Eisenhower High School opened in 2011. Enrollment increased from 2,202 in 1990-91 to more than 5,500 in 2013-14.

The district's first administration center opened in 1976. A new administration center was completed and occupied in September 2006, and the original building was converted to the district's technology department.

Bond elections in 1994, 1998, 2004, and 2007 provided funding for the newest facilities. Besides the new school buildings, several existing schools have had additions to their facilities since 1991. These additions include 10 classrooms at Clark Davidson Elementary; a cafeteria and kitchen at Challenger and Discovery Intermediate schools; and gymnasiums at Oak Street Elementary, Goddard Middle, and Eisenhower Middle schools. Also, the District Sports Complex opened in 2001, and a tennis court complex opened in 2005.

The most recent round of construction – funded by the 2007 bond election – included Apollo Elementary and Eisenhower Middle School both opened in 2010 and Eisenhower High School and the Eisenhower Sports Complex opened in 2011.

## **Challenges:**

### **FUTURE**

Goddard School District has made tremendous strides and achieved great success in recent years to fulfill our mission of educating every student for lifelong success. Now Goddard Public Schools is focused on strategically developing as a world-class school district by implementing strategies from the newly adopted 2014-2019 Strategic Plan. The strategic planning document outlines the further development of 3 goals. One is pride (advocacy, partnerships, and communications); the second is growth (fiscal and future planning); and third is excellence (curriculum, instruction and technology).

However, the ability to deliver quality education in Goddard – as well as the State of Kansas -- is in serious jeopardy due to significant inadequacy of public education funding. Cuts made in recent fiscal years have reduced services available to students and directly impacted classrooms. Our children need and deserve the best education possible if they are to be successful and productive citizens of the future.

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***Note: The FTE (full time equivalency) used in this report to calculate the “Amount Per Pupil” is defined as following: Enrollment (FTE) includes the enrollment of the district used for state aid and budget authority, and all other preschool enrollment and kindergarten students attending full time.***

## **KSDE Website Information Available**

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

<http://svapp15586.ksde.org/k12/k12.aspx>

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

### **School Finance Reports and Publications**

<http://www.ksde.org/Agency/FiscalandAdministrativeServices/SchoolFinance/ReportsandPublications.aspx>

- Assessed Valuation
- Cash Balances
- Headcount Enrollment
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- Salary Reports

### **Kansas Building Report Card**

<http://svapp15586.ksde.org/rcard/>

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