

# 2017-18 Budget Profile



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**Goddard**  
**Public Schools**  
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## **2017-18 Budget General Information**

**USD #: 265**

### **Introduction**

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 eight 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.

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 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 the district ranks with the best school districts in the state, and choose our 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**

Almost 6,000 students attend school in 12 buildings across the district. Goddard's academic excellence is also demonstrated by the fact that more than 87% of high school students continue to post-secondary education after graduation. The 2017 graduating classes of Goddard High and Eisenhower High School set a new record, by receiving over \$4 million dollars of scholarships and awards, allowing a significant number of students to pursue academic, sports and fine-arts achievements in college.

We have 400 high school students who have achieved over 1,000 total industry-recognized certifications. In 2016-17 athletic teams won state championships in wrestling, powerlifting, bowling, and tennis. Debate and forensics teams, science Olympiad squads, instrumentalists and vocal music groups, and Business Professionals of America have earned state and national recognitions in recent years.

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. With over 34 years of consecutive student growth, Goddard is a proven school community destination, attracting new families in South-Central Kansas.

## **STAFF**

A licensed staff of approximately 350 teamed with a classified staff of 365 provide instructional and support services for Goddard School District. There are also about 250 special education cooperative employees that provide services to students in the district. Nearly two-thirds 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 and Eisenhower High School teach college-level courses allowing qualified students to concurrently enroll at Wichita State University, Wichita Area Technical College, and/or Newman University. Teachers with master's degrees teach college courses, and students can earn as much as 30 college credit hours by the time they earn their high school diplomas.

## **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 nearly 6,000 in 2017-18.

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.

Our most recent-approved bond elections include 1994, 1998, 2004, 2007, and 2017. Besides the new school buildings, several existing schools have had additions to their facilities since 1991. Most recently, the bond election of 2017 will construct adequate tornado safety areas for every student at every school attendance center, and add security enhancements such as providing intruder-prevention locks on every classroom door in the district.

## **Board Members**

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## **Key Staff**

Superintendent:	Dr. Justin Henry
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	Susan Smith, Payroll Clerk II
	Karin Coleman, Accounts Payable Clerk II
	Jessica Coffman, Accounts Payable Clerk I

## **The District's Accomplishments and Challenges**

### **Accomplishments:**

#### **ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP**

Goddard Public Schools was one of only four Kansas public school districts out of 286 that had multiple schools earn the 2016 Governor's Achievement Award Distinction. Three of the four school districts were located in Johnson County and had a student enrollment over 21,000 students. Goddard Public Schools is one of three Kansas Public School Districts since 2012 have had multiple schools earn the National Blue Ribbon Award.

Goddard's four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate is 92%, approximately five percentage points higher than the state average. The 2017 state assessments indicate that our students' understandings of the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards are above the state average. Math and ELA state assessment scores for every grade level testing (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students) all exceeded the state average assessment scores. 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students exceeded state testing averages in science by 14 points and 8 points respectively, and our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students scores were in line with the state average test scores.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

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 our 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 the third is excellence (curriculum, instruction and technology).

## **PROJECT LEAD THE WAY**

The 2014-19 strategic plan identified allocating resources to teach students to learn and grow through collaborative learning opportunities. Goddard Public Schools launched Project Lead the Way (PLTW), an integrated, hands-on science curriculum that will be available to kindergarten through seniors in every school in the district. Goddard Public Schools is one of just a few school districts in Kansas to offer PLTW courses to every student in the district – kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

Over 100 area business and industry professionals are actively engaged in our Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee. This committee meets regularly to shape future curriculum and help determine industry certifications that students may be able to obtain during various CTE courses.

Goddard High and Eisenhower High School student councils also helped lead the annual 'Neighbors United' event that includes over 500 volunteers serving 40+ project sites in the greater Goddard area. Over \$40,000 of financial and in-kind support was generated to support those in need in the district for this event. The community also coordinates back-to-school school supply opportunities for families in need, and around the holidays, coordinates the 'Mitten Tree' for families that are in need, so that students can have access to warm clothing and food over the winter break.

The Goddard Education Foundation was established in 2014 as an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) community based organization with a mission to provide resources and enrich educational opportunities for the students of USD 265. The GEF has been in full operation with an executive director for over a year now, and has already generated hundreds of thousands of dollars from planned giving, grant opportunities, and other independent contribution campaigns. They have awarded several teacher grants for innovative, collaborative educational opportunities for our students.

## **Challenges:**

### **ERA OF STATE FUNDING CUTS/FREEZE**

The ability to deliver quality education in Goddard – as well as the State of Kansas – is dependent on adequate and equitable funding from state resources. During the recession years, per student funding fell from \$4,433 in 2008-09 to \$3,852 in 2014-15. Then in 2015-16 block grant funding froze in place operational dollars at 2014-15 levels despite with no allowance for enrollment growth. This created significant hardship for growing districts, like Goddard. While the district was adding students, we were also cutting staff and services.

## **THE NEW FUNDING FORMULA – SB 19**

In the spring of 2017, the legislature passed a new K-12 funding formula. This formula – which is very similar to the pre-block grant formula – once again, considers both the numbers of students served and their needs. The new finance formula is a step in the right direction – although it should be noted that the BASE per student set at \$4,006 is still well below the 2008-09 funding level of \$4,433.

Immediate benefits of the new funding formula in the Goddard District include:

1. Raise package ratified by teachers and the board of education, which features a new base salary for the beginning teacher of \$40,000. This effort is tied to the district's strategic plan goal of "attracting and retaining a world-class professional staff".
2. Fully-funded kindergarten program allowed the district to eliminate all-day kindergarten fees, which in turn saves parents over \$300,000 in fees.
3. Addition of 4 teachers in the K-4 grade levels; reduced class sizes that were exceeding 30 students to 26 students or less for grades kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

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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 4yr old at-risk and virtual enrollment. Enrollment does not include non-funded preschool. Beginning 2017-18, full-day Kindergarten is 1.0 FTE. 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) website below:**

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

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

### **School Finance Reports and Publications website below:**

<http://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/Reports-and-Publications>

- 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