

Additional Points

The Special Services Cooperative of Wamego continues to meet or exceed all compliance monitoring standards set by the Kansas State Department of Education, Special Education Department.

- Both certified and para educator personnel engage in best-practice and research-based models to further develop instructional skills.
- The cooperative maintains an extensive lending library of student materials and equipment, as well as a professional library.
- Students are able to access after-school and summer school student assistance programs.
- The graduation rates in our schools meet or exceed the state average.
- The drop-out rates in our schools are below the state average.
- The cooperative assists *all* teachers in meeting the needs of *all* students.

Education

involves a partnership where school, community and parents communicate and work together to promote academic excellence, self-discipline and good citizenship.



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Special Services Cooperative of Wamego

USD 320, 323 and 329



Serving the special needs of students in Alma, Maple Hill, Paxico, St. George, Wamego and Westmoreland

Available Services

About Us

Wamego USD 320 is the sponsoring district for the special services cooperative serving USD 320 (Wamego), USD 323 (Rock Creek) and USD 329 (Mill Creek Valley). There are more than 500 special education and gifted students served in the three school districts.

The cooperative staff consists of:

- 35 Teachers;
- 5 Speech Pathologists;
- 3 School Psychologists;
- 3 Enrichment Facilitators;
- 2 Social Workers;
- 1 Transition Coordinator;
- 1 Occupational Therapist;
- 1 Physical Therapist;
- 1 Hearing Impaired Specialist;
- 1 Visually Impaired Specialist;
- 80 Para Educators;
- Infant-Toddler Coordinator & Staff.

Early Education

Infant-Toddler Program—An early intervention program geared toward identifying developmental delays or disabilities early in life. Children, birth to age three, may receive special services at no charge if they have a delay in any of the following areas:

- Speech/Language;
- Hearing;
- Vision;
- Behavior;
- Motor Skills (fine and gross); or
- Cognitive Skills (thinking).

Child Find Screening—Each year the cooperative, along with the Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee County Health Departments and the local Infant-Toddler Council, conduct four (4) free screening clinics to assess the school readiness of pre-school aged (birth-five) children. These screenings are used to identify children with possible developmental delays.

Pre-School—Special Services pre-school classrooms are designed for children age three to five, who have speech/language delays and/or other developmental delays. Pre-school a.m. and p.m. classrooms are located in Alma, Westmoreland, St. George and Wamego. A peer model concept is used to integrate developmental age-appropriate children into all classrooms.

Ages 5 through 21

- **Instructional Staff** that meet the *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) “Highly Qualified” Standard
- **Para-Educator Instructional Support**
- **Educational Evaluations**
- **Gifted Education**
- **Physical Therapy**
- **Occupational Therapy**
- **Speech Therapy**
- **Social Worker Services**
- **Hearing Impaired Services**
- **Visual Impaired Services**
- **Transition Services**

