

## About Wamego USD 320 Special Services Cooperative

Wamego USD 320 is the sponsoring district for the special services cooperative serving USD 320 (Wamego), USD 323 (Rock Creek) & USD 329 (Mill Creek Valley). There are 283 special education & gifted students served in the Wamego district. USD 320 has two elementary schools, one middle level school, and one high school. The Rock Creek district has two elementary buildings and one junior high and one senior high school that serve 130 special education & gifted students. Mill Creek Valley's 106 special educations & gifted students are served in five schools located in Paxico, Maple Hill and Alma. Students in the three districts are served by 37 Teachers, 5 Speech Pathologists, 3 School Psychologists, 3 Enrichment Facilitators, 2 Social Workers, 1 Occupational Therapist, 1 Physical Therapist, 1 Hearing Impaired Specialist, 1 Visually Impaired Specialist and 83 Para Educators. The three districts also receive services of an infant-toddler coordinator & staff. A full-time Director oversees all aspects of the Cooperative. The Special Services Cooperative's 2007-2008 budget is \$4.39M.

### Education Involves

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

### About The Community Of Wamego

Wamego is a growing community of 4,000 people located on the banks of the Kansas River. It is a community in which the citizens enjoy the safety found in smaller communities. It is a clean and civic-minded community, which offers historical charm, and a strong business district serving most needs of the residents. Wamego is served by a well-qualified and comprehensive medical community including a city hospital. Wamego has a beautiful city park, which has an Olympic-sized swimming pool, four public tennis courts or a place for a quiet shady walk in the summer. Other recreational facilities for use by all ages include a nine-hole golf course (soon to be 18 holes) and a sports facility with baseball and softball diamonds. The newly restored Columbian Theater provides the setting for community and professional fine arts presentations in local theaters and choirs. Adult education programs are available in Wamego in addition to being available at nearby Kansas State University and Kansas University. Citizens living in Wamego have a large variety of churches representing numerous religious faiths from which to choose.

### For More Information

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# Welcome To The Special Services Cooperative of Wamego



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## Our Cooperative

Continues to meet or exceed all compliance monitoring standards set by the Kansas State Department of Education, Special Education Department.

- Both Certified & Para Educator personnel engage annually in best-practice & research based models to further develop instructional skills
- We maintain an extensive lending Library of student materials & equipment as well as a Professional Library.
- Students can access after-school & summer school programs
- Annual Graduation numbers meet or exceed the State average
- Annual Drop-out rates are no higher than the State average

Unified School District 320 does not discriminate on its employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap.



### Higher Education Options

Available to (certified) staff include a variety of:

#### Division I Schools

- K.S.U., Manhattan
- K.U., Lawrence

#### Division II Schools

- W.S.U., Topeka
- E.S.U., Emporia

And,

#### Junior Colleges

- Highland, Wamego



## State Standard of Excellence Achieved

For the past several years all of the schools in the Cooperative have met or exceeded the state standard of excellence in multiple subject areas and at a variety of grade levels. This achievement has been predicated on five core principals:

- Teachers are committed to all students and their learning.
- Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach the subjects to all students.
- Teachers are responsible for managing and motivating all student learners.
- Teachers think systematically about their practice and learning from experience.
- Teachers are members of learning communities.