

2020-2021 Budget Profile



USD 320 Wamego



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2020-2021 Budget General Information

USD #: 320

Introduction

Wamego USD No. 320 is a 4A school district located in Pottawatomie County, with territory also located in Riley and Wabaunsee counties. Located 9 miles off I-70 with 2 major highways running through it, the Wamego district continues to grow and currently enjoys an assessed valuation of \$102,276,424, an increase of approximately 4% from the previous year.

Students in the Wamego schools attend one of four schools: Central Elementary, newly renovated in 2011, houses students in grades Pre-K-2; West Elementary, completely remodeled in 2005, houses students in grades 3-5; Wamego Middle School, built in 1982, houses students in grades 6-8; and Wamego High School, completely renovated in 2005, houses students in grades 9-12. All schools are located in Wamego. The estimated enrollment for the 2020-21 school year is 1580.

Special education services are provided through the Wamego district and also serve students in the Rock Creek and Wabaunsee districts.

Wamego owns their school buses and provides transportation for all pupils who reside outside of the city limits. USD 320 also provides shuttle bus service across Hwy. 24 and from building to building for resident students.

The City of Wamego is the home of the Oz Museum and the Columbian Theater, which provides for numerous theatrical performances throughout the year. The Wamego Recreation Commission provides services for both adults and youth. There is a large city park in downtown Wamego which includes the city swimming pool, play areas for children, softball parks and tennis courts. A recreation complex along Highway 24 includes four baseball/softball diamonds, two soccer fields, and tennis courts. USD 320 plays a significant role in the recreation needs of our community. The area soccer association, youth football association, and the Wamego Basketball Association all use district facilities for their programs along with the city recreation department. The Wamego Country Club has a 18-hole golf course that serves not only as a golf course for our community but also as the site for the state 4A and 1/2A cross country championships.

USD #320 Wamego Schools have a qualified, experienced teaching staff with 47% of those teachers having a Master's degree or higher. USD 320 staff have received a variety of honors this past school year. Those honors include:

- Lori Rice 2018 Kansas Social Studies Teacher of the Year
- Adam Topliff 2019 Kansas History Teacher of the Year
- Christi Wiegars Spirit of Hope Award
- Bob Day Mentoring Matters Award

Board Members

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Key Staff

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Office Staff: Business Manager/Clerk of the BOE – Mrs. Kathryn Mayfield
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Administrative Assistant – Mrs. Brenda Jensen

Other

Key Contacts:	Principal, Central Elementary	Mrs. Teri Dow
	Principal, West Elementary	Mrs. Amy Flinn
	Principal, Wamego Middle School	Mr. Travis Graber
	Asst. Principal, Wamego Middle	Mr. Brian McIntosh
	Principal, Wamego High School	Mr. Kale Katt
	Asst. Principal, Wamego H.S.	Mr. Dennis Charbonneau
	Director of Special Services Coop	Dr. Deb Nauwerth
	Director of Operations	Mr. Rob Miller
	Transportation Manager	Mrs. Sharlee Serb
	Director of Food Service	Mrs. Laura Fails
	Director of Technology	Mr. Jared Brazzle
	President, Wamego Teacher's Assoc.	Dr. Allen Sylvester & Mr. Tegan Nusser

The District's Accomplishments and Challenges

Accomplishments: USD 320 is proud of its accomplishments on many fronts.

The Wamego district prides itself on its' commitment to kids. Our pupil-teacher ratio remains low at 20:1; we provide full-day Kindergarten; a counselor at each building – both elementary schools, the middle school and the high school; a district-wide Family Services

Coordinator; our students have access to a variety of co-curricular activities; a wide variety of special education services are provided to students who qualify; and our high school students can take advantage of many Advanced Placement and concurrent enrollment classes.

Our district has established and will continue to maintain an educational partnership with Highland Community College and Manhattan Area Technical College, which will be providing concurrent credit courses to our high school students during the school day..

Our students continue to perform above the state and national averages on the ACT.

There are a wide variety of innovative teaching techniques and programs occurring in our schools, including:

- * Block Scheduling at the high school.
- * Guided Reading at the elementary level.
- * MTSS is fully integrated at the elementary level.
- * PLC's have been established and utilized at every building.
- * Advanced Placement courses are offered at the high school.
- * Community Mentoring Program at the high school.
- * Parents as Teachers Program for the very early years.
- * Extensive vocational programs offered at Wamego Middle School and Wamego High School.
- * One to One Technology devices for all students:
 - Grades 1-8 iPads
 - Grades 9-12 MacBook Air Laptops
- * Wamego High School Approved for School Redesign, 2020

Challenges: The largest challenge facing the Wamego district is the continued and ever increasing funding crisis facing not only our district, but all districts across the state. As we have seen state funding dwindle considerably over the years, we are left with hard choices that affect employees and students. In addition to the funding crisis, the ever-increasing demands from the state and federal levels have not been eased. Many of the innovative programs and additional staff that have been added to ensure we meet the needs of all students might have to be reduced or eliminated. Those decisions will not be easy, but we might not be left with a choice.

With the implementation of the Kansas College and Career Readiness Standards which focus their efforts on math and reading, Wamego will continue to fight for the fine arts and vocational programs and co-curricular activities because we strongly feel that these curricular areas add benefit to a child's schooling experience and help shape a child's world.

Other challenging areas are:

- The continuing and unrelenting rising costs of all insurance, but most notably health insurance, the escalating food and fuel costs, and fluctuating utility bills.
- Finding funds to recruit and maintain quality teachers in the areas of general education and special education.

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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:

https://datacentral.ksde.org/report_gen.aspx

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

School Finance Reports and Publications website below:

<https://datacentral.ksde.org/default.aspx>

- 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
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