



GRAHAM COUNTY USD 281 HILL CITY, KANSAS

*Invites candidates to apply for the position of
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS*



THE POSITION

The Graham County USD 281, Board of Education is seeking a highly qualified and fully licensed superintendent. Graham County Unified School District is accredited by the Kansas Department of Education.

Length of contract to be negotiated with salary based on qualifications and experience. A comprehensive benefit package is also included. USD 281 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

DISTRICT INFORMATION

Budget:

- \$50,130,926 Assessed General Fund Valuation
- 20 Mill General Fund Levy
- 8 Mill Capital Outlay Levy
- 18.356 Mill LOB Levy
- Computed General Fund \$3,477,380

BOARD INITIATIVES

The USD 281 board of education is supportive of a variety of initiatives including:

- Security at both schools
- Ongoing maintenance and keeping all buildings updated
- Technology in the classrooms and in the hands of students
- K-12 curriculum adoptions

SELECTION TIMELINE

Application DUE: January 8, 2020
 Screening Begins: January 15, 2020
 Anticipated Hire Date: February 2020
 Contract Begins: July 1, 2020



HOW TO APPLY

Letters of inquiry, requests for applications or other questions about the process should be directed to:

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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Graham County USD 281 serves approximately 382 students from Hill City, Bogue, Morland, Nicodemus, Damar, St. Peter, Penokee and Lenora. Our staff includes 2 building administrators, 2 counselors, 35 certified teachers and 21 classified staff members. We are members of Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center and Smoky Hill Education Service Center. USD 281 is currently in year 3 of the KESA process focusing on the following goals:

- Relationships through civic engagement
- Responsive culture focusing on social, emotional and character development

Hill City Grade School hosts students in grades K-6; approximately 209 students are enrolled at HCGS. In addition, HCGS houses the Graham County Early Childhood Department which serves 33 pre-school students. Students enjoy a variety of regular classroom activities as well as music and PE every day. Additional HCGS information:

- Small class sizes
- Active PTO
- 1:1 iPad for K-2nd students
- 1:1 laptop for 3rd – 6th students
- Interactive panels in every classroom

Hill City Junior/Senior High School has an enrollment of approximately 173 students in grades 7-12. In addition to core classes, we offer a range of electives: FACS, Art, Crafts, Band, Vocal Music, Agriculture, Technology, and Industrial Arts. We also offer the five Career and Technical Education Pathways: Construction and Design; Family, Community and Consumer Services; Web and Digital Communications; Power, Structural and Technical Systems; Comprehensive Agricultural Science; and Teaching/Training. Additional HCJSHS information:

- Small class sizes
- High graduation rate
- Active Booster Club
- 1:1 laptop for 7th – 12th students
- Interactive panels in 3 classrooms

In addition to academics, HCJSHS is a 2A high school offering a wide range of activities: cross country, volleyball, football, basketball, wrestling, track, golf, Scholar's Bowl, Science Olympiad, FCCLA, KAY, FFA and Pep Club.

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Graham County is located on the eastern edge of the High Plains. Its total area is about 899 square miles or 575,079 acres. The land is described as rolling plains, with an elevation range of 1,900 feet to the eastern edge of the county to 2,600 feet in the northwest corner. There's no place better in the world to raise your family than in Graham County Kansas! You are always welcome and there are many organizations you can be a part of. Your children can play sports without the pressure of big school tryouts. In fact, all students can be on most of the sports teams! Hill City has a swimming pool, golf course, community operated movie theatre, airport and fantastic schools.

The community shows great support for the schools. This was evident with the passage of a 2014 \$7.65 million-dollar bond that was used to add HVAC systems in both schools. The bond also included a new track, remodeled auditorium and parking lot at Hill City Junior/Senior High School.

