



# BELLE PLAINE USD 357 BELLE PLAINE, KANSAS

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



**USD 357 Belle Plaine**

## THE POSITION

The Belle Plaine USD 357 Board of Education is seeking a highly qualified and fully licensed superintendent. Belle Plaine 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 357 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## DISTRICT INFORMATION

### Budget

General Fund Budget	\$ 5,362,092 (20 mills)
LOB Budget	\$ 1,810,808 (16.08 mills)
Capital Outlay Levy	8 mills
Bond & Interest Levy	14.258 mills
Total Mill Levy	58.338 mills
Assessed Valuation	\$ 27,865,735

### Facilities, Staff, Students

- Total Enrollment - 563
- Belle Plaine High School (9th – 12th) - 167
- Belle Plaine Middle School (5th – 8th) - 181
- Belle Plaine Grade School (PreK – 4th) – 215
- Average Elementary Class Size - 14
- Percent Free & Reduced – 40%
- Preschool program serving 4-year-old children & operates the Early Learning Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Program
- Member of Sumner Co. Special Education Interlocal #619
- Member of Orion Service Center

- Administrators – 4
- Certified Staff – 52
- Classified Staff - 14



## BELLE PLAINE USD 357 MISSION STATEMENT

USD 357 is committed to providing quality education to maintain a partnership with the greater community that will prepare each student to become a life-long learner and a contributing participant in a changing world.

## USD 357 HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide a safe, positive learning environment where all students are challenged to achieve their personal best and become responsible, productive citizens in pursuit of lifelong learning.

## USD 357 MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Belle Plaine Middle School will provide a safe school environment and instill a passion for learning to help Build Productive Members of Society.

## USD 357 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MOTTO

I will respect myself,  
I will respect others,  
I will respect the world around me,  
And I will learn something new every day.

## SELECTION TIMELINE

- Application DUE: January 5, 2021
- Screening Begins: January 7, 2021
- Anticipated Hire Date: End of January 2021
- Contract Begins: July 1, 2021



## 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

### Belle Plaine High School

- BPHS provides multiple dual credit college courses to Juniors and Seniors through Cowley College.
- We offer eight different Career and Technical Education pathways.
- We offer our students the opportunity to take half-day technical career classes on campus at Cowley College so that they can work toward earning their industry specific certificate by graduation time.
- BPHS has a full student-operated printing business, Dragon Prints, within its business department.
- Our student to staff ratio is approximately 9:1 in the high school.
- Teaching staff in the high school averages over 9 years of experience per teacher.
- 80% of our student body participates in 10 different KSHSAA sanctioned sports, various Career and Technical Student Organizations, five different KSHSAA activities.
- Kansans Can Star Recognitions – Silver Star Award for Graduation Rate and Copper Star Award for Postsecondary Effectiveness
- BPHS has been recognized nationally for educational excellence, having received the US News and World Report Bronze Award in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

### Belle Plaine Middle School

#### Student Vision: We Believe...

- Every student is unique.
- All students have the potential to learn.
- Each student is responsible and accountable for their learning.
- Each student is responsible for his/her own actions and the resulting consequences.

#### Staff Vision: We Will...

- Work as a collaborative team to improve student achievement.
- Empower students to apply skills and knowledge to acquire a quality education.
- Provide an engaging learning environment aligned with current standards.
- Model kindness, understanding, integrity, and respect for all our students.

#### Curriculum Vision: We Provide...

A challenging, rigorous, developmentally appropriate curriculum to address students' individual needs focused on academic growth and current research.

We offer band, vocal, art, computer technology and P.E. BPMS participate in volleyball, football, cross country, track, basketball, and scholars' bowl.

### Belle Plaine Elementary School

- A resilient, collaborative staff who prides themselves as being a family and having strong relationships with students and each other.
- Trauma Informed school with an extensive Social-Emotional Program including daily instruction focused on Zones of Regulation, Second Step, Bullying Prevention Curriculum and CHAMPS.
- Social Worker on staff
- Title I Schoolwide School
- MTSS Program in Reading supported by Title I / At-Risk
- 3-year-old and 4-year-old At-Risk program for preschoolers
- P.E., Music, Keyboarding, Library and Art Classes

## OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- Belle Plaine School District encompasses an 84 square-mile area of South-Central Kansas located in Sumner County just 20 miles south of Wichita.
- In the Spring of 2018, the community passed a \$15,895,000 bond project that included renovations and new facilities as well as safety & security improvements district wide.
- The Downtown Festival has celebrated 35 years of springtime tradition in downtown Belle Plaine.
- The Belle Plaine Area Chamber of Commerce promotes local businesses and the quality of life within our community.
- The Belle Plaine Education Foundation is dedicated to partnering with our schools to move education forward.
- The Belle Plaine Community Foundation creates a stronger future for our area by building endowments and connecting donors to the critical needs of the region.
- Kansas Star Casino All-Star Scholars Fund Program supports students and teachers with gift cards, scholarships, and grants.

