



## EMPORIA USD 253 EMPORIA, KANSAS

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



### USD 253 Emporia

#### THE POSITION

Emporia Schools USD 253, Board of Education is seeking a highly qualified fully licensed superintendent. Emporia 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 benefits package is also included. USD 253 is an equal opportunity employer.

#### DISTRICT INFORMATION

##### Financial Information:

- General Fund - \$32,339,838
- LOB Fund - 12.653
- Capital Outlay Levy - 8 mills
- Bond and Interest - 12.392 mills
- Total Mill Levy - 53.545
- Assessed Valuation - \$209,956,339

##### Facilities, Staff and Students:

- Emporia High School
- Emporia Middle School
- Logan Ave Elementary
- Riverside Elementary
- Timmerman Elementary
- Walnut Elementary
- William Allen White Elementary
- Village Elementary
- Maynard Early Childhood Center
  
- Total Enrollment - 4,608
- Certified Staff - 456
- Classified Staff – 338
- Percent Free and Reduced Lunch - 58.10%

#### EMPORIA USD 253 MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Mission: We build futures by preparing today's students for tomorrow's opportunities.

Vision: Building futures, one student at a time.

**Emporia**  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
*We build futures.*



## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- In November of 2019, Emporia Schools received a vote of confidence from USD 253 stakeholders with their vote to support a \$78 million bond to update district facilities. Thanks to the voter approval, the district is working with HTK Architects and McCownGordon Construction to add safety and security upgrades to each district building with students, construct additional classroom and student support spaces, upgrade building systems, and construct a new early learning facility.
- The Walter S. and Evan C. Jones Testamentary Trust awarded a multiyear grant in the total amount of \$6,000,000 to Emporia USD 253 in support of the Early Childhood Center. This partnership will combine the existing USD 253 bond money along with the Jones donation to provide our students and families with a wide range of early childhood and community-based services.
- Kansans Can School Redesign Project through the Kansas State Department of Education - we currently have 5 buildings that have joined the Apollo II Project including Emporia Middle School, Village Elementary School, Walnut Elementary School, William Allen White, and Logan Avenue Elementary School.
- Literacy First will support instructional practices to span preschool through 12th grade; all teachers have been trained. Starting at seventh grade, students can apply to be in AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) which is a program that prepares them for the rigors of advanced courses and to see college study as a real option.
- Emporia High School has joined the Jobs for American Graduates (JAG) Kansas program, which provides another vehicle for students to become college and career ready.
- Career Pathways is coming into greater focus as we define the sequence and content of courses primarily at the middle and high schools.
- Flint Hills Learning Center is poised to provide instructional services unique to each individual high school and adult student and to assure that each one is college and career ready.
- Collaboration with Emporia State University for placing pre-service teachers in the classroom makes possible our contribution to a generation of teachers equipped to meet the challenges ahead and adds instructional support in our classrooms.



## OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Emporia, Kansas is a progressive city strategically located at the intersection of Interstate 35, Interstate 335 (Kansas Turnpike), U.S. Highway 50, and Kansas Highway 99. We are 110 miles southwest of Kansas City, 85 miles northeast of Wichita, and 50 miles southwest of Topeka. Emporia is a center for diverse manufacturing, trade, education, medicine, and tourism. Primary industries include food products, automotive components, fabricators, electronics, telecommunications, and distribution. We are home to Emporia State University and Flint Hills Technical College. Despite a growing business and industry community, Emporia proudly maintains its small-town charm.

The county seat and largest city in Lyon County, Emporia covers 8.97 square miles. The population of Emporia is 24,916 and the population of Lyon County is 33,690, according to the 2010 census.

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## SELECTION TIMELINE

Application DUE: February 5, 2021

Screening Begins: February 10, 2021

Anticipated Hire Date: February 2021

Contract Begins: July 1, 2021

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## HOW TO APPLY

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

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