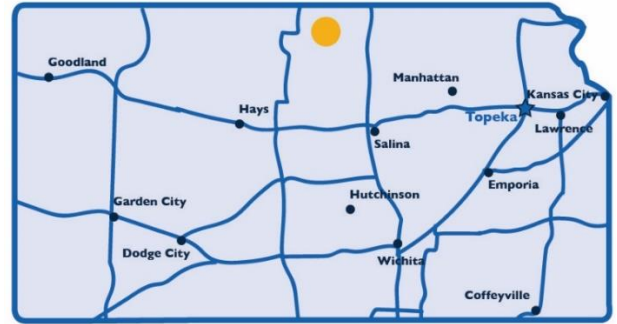




## SMITH CENTER USD 237

## SMITH CENTER, KANSAS

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



**USD 237 Smith Center**

### THE POSITION

The Smith Center USD 237 Board of Education is seeking applications from interested and highly qualified candidates to fill the position of Superintendent of Schools. Smith Center is accredited by the Kansas State Department of Education.

A contract will be offered with a salary and benefits package commensurate with the successful applicant's experience and qualifications. The successful candidate is required to live in the district and should be available to begin work no later than July 1, 2021. USD 237 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### DISTRICT INFORMATION

#### Budget Information

General:	\$ 3,953,556	20.000 mills
Supplemental General:	\$ 1,314,100	20.410 mills
Capital Outlay:	\$ 432,000	7.987 mills
Total Assessed Value:	\$ 50,429,603	48.397 mills

#### Buildings, Staff & Students

- Total Enrollment: 424
  - Elementary School (PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> grade): 247
  - Jr./Sr. High School (7<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade): 177
- Administrators: 3
- Certified: 39
- Classified: 36

### USD 237 MISSION STATEMENT:

Unified School District #237 exists to ensure quality and equitable learning experiences, and that students master or exceed defined educational outcomes which include emphasis on self-discipline, social responsibility, and an appreciation for life-long learning.

USD 237 uses the slogan "Together-We Are Champions" because we believe it takes everyone working together as a team to be successful. The strength of Smith Center School district lies in the quality of staff. "Those That Can — Do; Those That Can Do More —Are Team Members of Smith Center Schools."



### HOW TO APPLY

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

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### SELECTION TIMELINE

Application DUE: March 18, 2021

Screening Begins: March 23, 2021

Anticipated Hire Date: April 2021

Contract Begins: July 1, 2021



## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Smith Center School District 237 is a 2-A district located in Smith County with an area of 599 square miles. The district operates two (2) attendance centers, Smith Center Elementary School and Smith Center Junior/Senior High School.

The Smith Center School district serves students in the communities of Smith Center, Gaylord, and Lebanon. The USD 237 staff is highly motivated and shows a high concern for the students of the district. Because of this, the year-to-year turnover of staff is very low.

USD 237 participates in the North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative in Phillipsburg, Kansas. Excellent in-service programs are made available to teachers and administrators of the district through membership in the Smoky Hills Educational Service Center in Salina.

As a member of the Mid-Continent League, the secondary schools provide high-quality academics and leadership experiences for students in extracurricular activities, including athletics, music, and forensics. Approximately 90% of the senior high students are involved in after-school activities. The district also provides a variety of extracurricular activities for middle school students and works in conjunction with local civic organizations for intramural activities for elementary students.

Smith Center schools enjoy good community support as evidenced by the Redcaps Booster Club, Site Councils and Volunteer programs in the district. These volunteers complete routine jobs for the teaching staff and assist with craft and activity preparation, as well as, organizing and showing tremendous support for athletic and extracurricular activities of the district. Another indicator of the community support can be found in the parent-teacher conferences attendance rates: 94% for elementary school parents and an average of 91% for junior/senior high school parents.



## OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The school District is in a rural North Central Kansas area. Located on Highway 36 and USD 281, Smith Center is the county seat of Smith County. It is a fact that the geographic center of the 48 contiguous states is just a short drive east from Smith Center in Lebanon, Kansas. A short drive west is the "Home on the Range Cabin," birthplace of the Kansas state song. Visitors and home folk both enjoy the renovated 1870's windmill at the city park in Smith Center.

Smith Center is a center for caring. The Smith County Memorial Hospital, (opened in August of 2018), is a critical access hospital, with an attached rural health clinic located in Smith Center. Their medical staff includes four board-certified family medicine physicians, four nurse practitioners, and two physician assistants. SCMH is proud of the rich history of medical providers, nursing staff and support staff and is privileged to employ qualified community-minded leaders. Smith County Memorial Hospital is proud to host 12 specialty providers to care for patient needs. For more information visit [scmhks.org](http://scmhks.org).

Other services include chiropractors, optometrists, pharmacies, ambulance, a county-wide 911 service, Sun Porch Long-term care and assisted-living facility, a 77-bed adult care home, independent care facilities, home health care, and Hospice. Eleven churches in Smith Center include Catholic and Protestant denominations.

A tax-supported recreation commission sponsors community sports programs at the three lighted baseball fields and lighted tennis courts. A nine-hole golf course with driving range, a municipal swimming pool, bowling alley and community-owned movie theatre offer more fun. Natives and visitors alike enjoy the fine fishing and hunting here.

The Srader Center provides a new public library and community center. The community center consists of city offices, conference room, fitness area (racquetball court, basketball court, and walking track) with locker and shower rooms, and a senior citizens center with a commercial kitchen.

The Gardner Wellness Center opened in April 2004. The Wellness Center is open 24 hours/day, 7 days a week with a FOB keyless entry system and offers a variety of exercise equipment, personal trainers on staff, as well as exercise and yoga classes. Tribe Fitness and Recreation Center, located on the Main Street of Smith Center, also provides 24-7, keyless entry membership and wellness opportunities.