



We Champion for All Students

INVITES CANDIDATES TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

USD 400 MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Smoky Valley Public Schools is to provide all students with experiences enabling them to develop the knowledge, skills, and values to become responsible, successful learners.

THE POSITION

The Smoky Valley USD 400 Board of Education is seeking a highly qualified and fully licensed superintendent. Smoky Valley 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.

**WELCOME
TO THE**

Valley



SODERSTROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Grades PreK-4 - FTE 271



SMOKY VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Grades 5-8 - FTE 249



SMOKY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Grades 9-12 - FTE 256



SMOKY VALLEY VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL
Grades 6-12 - FTE 218



USD 400 EMPLOYEES
Certified - 77, Classified - 80

Budget Information

- \$79,501,500- Assessed Valuation - General Fund
- \$85,595,308- Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds
- 20.00 Mill General Fund Levy
- 8.00 Mill Capital Outlay Levy
- 12.540 Mill LOB Levy
- \$8,408,093- General Fund Budget

SELECTION TIMELINE

- Application Due: January 6, 2022
- Screening Begins: January 11, 2022
- Anticipated Hire Date: February 2022
- Contract Begins: July 1, 2022

HOW TO APPLY

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

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Life in the Valley



SODERSTROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Named after long-time superintendent LaVerne W. Soderstrom, our PreK-4 building has an FTE of 271 students. With three sections of each grade level, class size is around 20 students per classroom. Every student is assigned an iPad for use in class. Students start in our highly-regarded orchestra program in the fourth grade. SES students take part in the local Swedish Heritage Hyllningsfest Festival by performing dances and singing. Student support includes MTSS small group and individual interventions.

SMOKY VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Smoky Valley Middle School is a 5-8 building that shares its campus with Smoky Valley High School. With an FTE of 249 students, the class size average sits around 20 students per classroom. Students in grades 5-6 are assigned an iPad while 7/8 students take home a Mac laptop. The middle school has a strong emphasis on the arts, with successful music programs (Choir, Band, Jazz Band, and Orchestra), and traditional Art. Also available are introductory technology classes. SVMS students also take part in the Hyllningsfest celebration. As a part of the Central Kansas League, SVMS 7/8 students can compete in a number of extra-curricular activities, including Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Wrestling, Track, and Tennis.



SMOKY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



The 'Home of the Vikings' serves students in grades 9-12. The arts, music, and technology are a primary focus at SVHS, as well as the variety of activities and clubs students can participate in. Being a 3A-sized school in the Central Kansas League allows our students to compete in a number of athletics, and has led to a number of state-level showings in Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Tennis, Swimming, Wrestling, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, and Track. The 1:1 Laptop program at SVHS was started in 2004 and was the largest in the state at the time. The Vision_Tek program teaches our students how to create multimedia and other technological projects to further their digital creative skills. The VT Program is known for their high-level products that have won a number of awards at the eMagine competition. Partnerships with Bethany College, Hutchinson Community College and Salina Technical College provide dual-credit courses for our students to use to get a post-graduation jumpstart. With an FTE of 256, class sizes are small which makes for a better learning experience for our teachers and students and it shows in our 94%-98% graduation rate.

SMOKY VALLEY VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL

Smoky Valley Virtual Charter School was established in 2004 and was among the 1st accredited virtual charters schools in the state of Kansas. With options for full-time, part-time, and adult students, Smoky Valley Virtual Charter School gives K-12 students the opportunity to attend school from home while offering a program tailored to students who need to complete and gain credits to graduate from high school or progress to the next grade level.



USD 400 AND THE SMOKY VALLEY COMMUNITY



USD 400 is between Salina and McPherson, along and west of I-135. In 1963, USD 400 unified the communities of Lindsborg, Falun, Smolan, Roxbury, and Marquette. Since that time, USD 400 has had a total of four superintendents, two of which have been recognized as Kansas Superintendent of the Year. Lindsborg and the surrounding area was settled by Swedish immigrants and that rich heritage is celebrated every other year during Hyllningsfest. Lindsborg has a population of 3700 and Marquette's population is 800, both of which are considered bedroom communities for Salina, McPherson, Hutchinson, Ellsworth and Wichita. Lindsborg is also home to Bethany College with which the district has numerous partnerships.

