

BARBER COUNTY NORTH USD 254

MEDICINE LODGE, KS

Invites candidates to apply for the position of SUPERINTENDENT



THE POSITION

The Barber County North USD 254 Board of Education is soliciting applications from interested and qualified candidates to fill the position of Superintendent. USD 254 is accredited by the Kansas Department of Education.

A contract will be offered with a salary and benefits package commensurate with the successful applicant's experience and qualifications. USD 254 is an equal employment/educational opportunity employer.

BUDGET INFORMATION

- \$ 4,524,348 General Fund Budget
- \$ 1,402,521 Supplemental General Fund
- \$ 973,751 Capital Outlay
- \$ 60,923,510 Assessed Valuation



SELECTION TIMELINE

Application DUE: February 1, 2022
Screening Begins: February 3, 2022
Anticipated Hire Date: February 2022
Contract Begins: July 1, 2022



MISSION STATEMENT FOR USD 254:



HOW TO APPLY

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

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OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Unified School District 254 serves students and families in a 718 square mile area of Medicine Lodge, KS, in Barber and Pratt Counties. PK-12 Students attend one of two attendance centers with an enrollment of approximately 500 students. Students in PK-6 attend Medicine Lodge Grade School, while students in grades 7-12 attend Medicine Lodge Junior/Senior High School. The district provides a Four-Year-Old At-Risk program located at MLGS, and special education services which are provided by the South Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative in Pratt, KS. Barber County North Schools employees approximately 100 staff members throughout the district.

Medicine Lodge is in the beautiful Gyp Hills at the intersection of Highways 160 and 281 at an elevation of 1,520 feet. It is 82 miles southwest of Wichita and positioned in south-central Kansas as the county seat for Barber County. Major industries include the National Gypsum Company mine and plant, various gas, and oil businesses, ranching and agriculture. The average temperature is 56 degrees, and the annual precipitation averages 21 inches of rain and 12 inches of snow. Health needs are provided through the services of two doctors, three physician's assistant, two optometrists and a community health office.

Eight Protestant churches and two Roman Catholic churches are in the area. Medicine Lodge is famous for the historical Carrie Nation's home and the reenactment of the Peace Treaty. North Barber School District 254 consists of the towns of Isabel, Lake City, Medicine Lodge, Sharon, and Sun City. They have a total population of 2,009.



DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

At **Medicine Lodge Grade School (MLGS)**, we empower our students to be brave, curious, kind, and excited for their future. We have 275 students age three through grade six making up our student population and 55 staff members. Last year, our building was recognized as a "go for launch" Apollo school with focus strategies in the areas of skills-based instruction, standards-based grading, student ownership of learning, and parent/community partnerships. Our community is very supportive of our schools and regularly offers support for initiatives or activities we are doing.

A little more about our building:

- MTSS Reading and Math for all students
- Kansans Can Star Bronze Award in Social/Emotional Growth
- Strong emphasis on Kindergarten readiness with community partnerships in place with daycare and community PreK programs
- Two morning/afternoon sessions for three- and four-year-old PreK. Free for all students.
- Departmentalized 5th and 6th Grade grade program
- 1:1 devices K-6 and an emphasis on student and staff tech skills

MLJSHS is an Apollo redesign school that fosters community partnerships, academic rigor, and college/career preparedness. The following initiatives provide a well-rounded educational experience that targets the educational, social, and vocational needs for all students:

- 1:1 technology for each student
- Individual Plans of Study for students 8-12
- Flexible, mod-based student scheduling
- Tiered instruction
- Research based assessing and progress monitoring
- Service centered initiatives
- Social-emotional learning
- High participation in extracurricular activities

Our dedicated staff of 25 certified teachers and 20 instructional aids, food service workers and custodians all nurture a culture that leads learners to life-long success.