



Leavenworth USD 453 Superintendent Search

The Position

The Leavenworth Board of Education is seeking a highly qualified Superintendent to lead one of the most historic school districts in the state. Leavenworth USD 453 is accredited by the Kansas State Department of Education.

A contract with salary based on qualifications and relevant experience, along with a benefits package, will be offered to the successful applicant with a start date of July 1, 2023.

District Mission & Vision

Mission:

Preparing every student for success in every classroom, every day.

Vision:

Leavenworth Public Schools is a community dedicated to partnerships in support of student well-being and success.

How To Apply

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

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Closing Date: February 15, 2023

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About Leavenworth

Leavenworth is the First City in the State of Kansas, situated adjacent to Fort Leavenworth and the Missouri River. Fort Leavenworth, built in 1827, is the second oldest active United States Army post west of Washington, D.C., and the oldest permanent settlement in Kansas. It is known as “the best hometown in the Army,” with many choosing to retire in the surrounding area after military service. The first Board of Trustees for common schools met in July 1858. Leavenworth High School was later established in 1865, making it the oldest high school in the state.

Today, Leavenworth Public Schools serves over 3,700 students and is designated as a 5A district by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. Leavenworth High School offers approximately 50 athletic and academic activities, and competes in the Unified Kansas Conference (UKC), as well as at state and national competitions.

Leavenworth is a suburban community with local amenities, and within a quick drive to multiple dining, shopping, and entertainment destinations throughout the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area (20 minutes to Kansas Speedway, Hollywood Casino, and Legends Shopping; 20 minutes to Zona Rosa shopping and dining; 25 minutes to MCI airport; 35 minutes to Arrowhead/Kauffman Stadium complex).

To learn more about the City of Leavenworth: <https://www.visitleavenworthks.com/>



Our Enrollment

22-23 SY Student Enrollment 3,716 total students

Earl Lawson Early Education Center (Pre-K/K): 359
Anthony Elementary (1-4): 299
David Brewer Elementary (1-4): 364
Henry Leavenworth Elementary (1-4): 333
Leavenworth Intermediate School (5-6): 471
Richard Warren Middle School (7-8): 487
Leavenworth High School (9-12): 1,250
Virtual School (K-8): 35
Third Avenue School (special education alternative): 27

Our Budget

General Fund Budget: \$27,192,752
LOB Fund: \$8,373,014
Assessed Valuation: \$249,192,637
Capital Outlay Levy: 4.468

Our Staff

The district employs a highly qualified staff of teachers and support personnel. Leavenworth maintains a continued focus on ongoing school improvement, specifically in the areas of teaching and learning, special education, support services, parent/community involvement, technology, human resources, and facilities.

309 certified staff members, 289 classified employees, and 41 district/building administrators.
2023-24 starting teacher salary is \$45,000, per two-year negotiated agreement approved June 2022.



About Our Facilities

In June 2018, the Leavenworth community demonstrated ongoing support of public education through passage of a \$36.7 million bond initiative for facility enhancements to prioritize next generation learning, kindergarten readiness, and safety and security.

- Leavenworth Intermediate School, 5th-6th (new construction): Opened August 2020
- Earl Lawson Early Education Center, Pre-K & K (major renovation): Opened August 2021
- Delivery of collaborative learning spaces at Richard Warren Middle School (7th-8th), and at three elementary school buildings (1st thru 4th)
- Safety/security enhancements to High School main entry and parking lot
- Addition of a four field baseball/softball complex made possible by capital outlay funds

Teaching & Learning

The Teaching and Learning Department provides oversight of curriculum and assessments for the district and is staffed with instructional coaches at the district and individual building level.

The T&L team supports:

- Two-year mentoring program
- New Teacher Academy
- Individual, small-group, and whole-group professional learning
- Service Learning Partnerships
- Augmented reality technology to support learning
- Innovative, play-based learning instructional model at Early Education Center
- STEAM-based enrichment and extended literacy learning opportunities
- AVID at secondary schools
- Partnerships with local colleges
- Implementation of literacy lesson study cycles
- Instructional technology supports for teachers and 1:1 digital learning environment for students



CTE & Pathways

USD 453 has developed a partnership with Kansas City Kansas Community College at the Pioneer Career Center to provide career technical education and vocational instruction free of charge to eligible high school students and community members.

The Pioneer Career Center offers these or the following courses:

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| • Construction Technology | • HVAC |
| • Culinary Arts | • Criminal Justice |
| • Electrical Technology | • Early Childhood Education |
| • Health Careers/CNA/CMA | • Cosmetology |

Additionally, Leavenworth High School offers 14 Advanced Placement courses, Auto Tech, and also provides dual credit enrollment opportunities through post-secondary partnerships. These course offerings enhance the district's commitment to college and career readiness on behalf of Leavenworth students.

