



# ST. FRANCIS USD 297 ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS

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

## THE POSITION

The St. Francis USD 297 Board of Education is soliciting applications from interested and qualified candidates to fill the position of Superintendent of Schools. The Board wishes to have the successful candidate assume the responsibilities July 1, 2019.

## DISTRICT INFORMATION

- Elementary School: Grades K – 5: 127 students
- Jr./Sr. High School: Grades 6-12: 137 students
- Multiple CTE pathways
- Member of NKESC

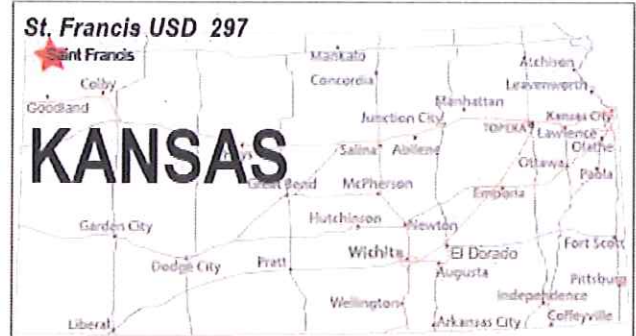
## EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

**Employment: 56 Full-Time Equivalent**

- 31 Licensed
- One K-5 principal; one 6-12 principal; one superintendent
- 22 Non-Licensed
- 9 Seasonal (Rule 10 Coaches)

## FINANCIAL DATA

General Fund Budget:	\$ 2,488,171
LOB Budget:	\$ 796,436
Capital Outlay Budget:	\$ 1,350,000
General Fund Mill Levy:	20.000
Supplement General Fund Mill Levy:	16.067
Capital Outlay Mill Levy:	8.000
Assessed Valuation:	\$32,671,578
Mill Levy:	44.067



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the St. Francis Community Schools is to prepare each student for a productive life. We will provide the opportunities and the encouragement for learning at all levels of ability, expecting all students to learn. We recognize that teaching students to think creatively, to find solutions to problems and to use current technology are key skills for people in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In order to attain a quality, learner-focused educational program, we will do all we can to provide a well-qualified staff committed to our mission, a purposefully designed curriculum and a safe and orderly learning environment. We seek to make the learning community inclusive by combining efforts of families, school and community.

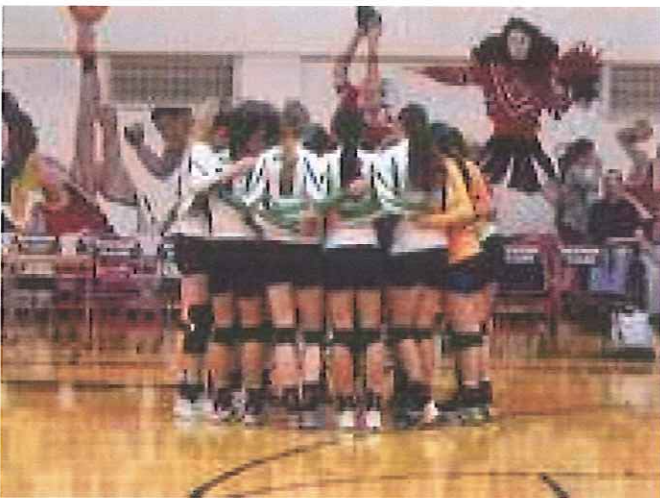


## OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Nestled among the cottonwoods along the Republican River in northwest Kansas, the community of St. Francis offers a quiet, peaceful lifestyle to its 1,300 inhabitants that allows us the conveniences of the city and the tranquility of rural life. Primarily an agricultural community, St. Francis was established in 1886 as a shipping point for cattle and grain to the larger eastern markets. Since then, our community has experienced the ebb and flow of economic activity and population growth and decline in accordance with the circumstances on the local farms.

The county seat of Cheyenne County, St. Francis is a very self-sufficient community with an impressive array of community amenities. Among these are the excellent health care facilities in the Cheyenne County Hospital, a critical care center, and the Cheyenne County Clinic, which offers virtually any kind of healthcare related service imaginable. We have our own pharmacy, hardware and automotive parts stores, a well-stocked grocery store, a lumber yard, a new swimming pool, beautiful parks, a well-kept 9-hole golf course, a hip, innovative coffee house in Fresh 7 and a widely acclaimed bed and breakfast, the Spencer House. In addition to these is a full array of local stores selling jewelry, furniture, appliances and any other conceivable want or need.

Only 2.5 hours from Denver, Colorado and the mountains, St. Francis is within easy driving distance to all the professional sporting events in the Front Range, including the Broncos, Avalanche, Rockies and Nuggets. Some of the finest skiing in North America can be reached within 4 hours, too! Considering our agricultural roots, our community is home to some of the finest upland bird and whitetail and mule deer hunting in the region.



## DISRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Undoubtedly, the heart of our community is found in our local schools, where 264 young citizens are educated daily by a dedicated and experienced staff. St. Francis Elementary is comprised of grades Kindergarten through Fifth grade. Every student is exposed to a strong core curriculum throughout the day and receive social and emotional lessons, PE, Music and Art. St. Francis Community Jr./Sr. High school offers an impressive selection of elective courses including vocal and instrumental music, journalism, industrial arts (metal fabrication and woodworking), agriculture, FFA and dramatics. In partnership with the Kansas State High School Athletic Association, St. Francis fields competitive 1A athletic teams in football, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, golf and track, giving our rural students opportunities to participate they might not have in larger areas.

The core academic programs are bolstered by a Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) that is currently in the implementation stage, having been molded in large part by our cooperation with our TASN partners over the last 2 years. Though we are not a 1 to 1 district, we have high speed internet access readily available to every class and or student who needs it. USD 297 boasts high graduation and postsecondary success rates.

## SELECTION TIMELINE

Application DUE: January 8, 2019  
Screening Begins: January 16, 2019  
Anticipated Hire Date: End of January 2019  
Contract Begins: July 1, 2019

## HOW TO APPLY

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

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