

Hello again and greetings from USD 467!

This week I will begin sharing with you the USD 467 Board of Education vision, values, mission, and goals.

THE VISION: Wichita County USD 467 School District to lead the world in the success of each student. TAG LINE: “Lead by Example and Expect Success”

OUR CORE VALUES: Student Centered Learning; Caring Relationships; Safe, Positive Environment; Accountability

Every student will be given equal opportunity and access to quality teaching and experiences that inspire learning.

Character should be developed even though it cannot be measured on a standardized test.

Every student will be challenged to achieve their full potential through experiences that develop intellectual, emotional, social and physical skills and knowledge.

Quality teachers and teaching practices are vital to success.

A safe, positive, caring environment is essential, as is mutual respect of each other and the learning process.

Everyone—students, parents, teachers, support staff, administrators, and community—must set high expectations learning and behavior.

Students, parents and teachers will be held accountable for achievement.

Parents have a responsibility to ensure that their students arrive at school ready to learn.

The district will be fiscally responsible as it provides quality education for our students.

Our students’ success is vital to the success of our community.

THE MISSION: USD 467 Wichita County School District’s mission is for every member of the school community to have the opportunity to attain their highest level of academic and civic character success. GOAL #1: Academic Success-GOAL #2: Civic Character Success-GOAL #3: Effective Communication

Achievement of these goals requires a commitment from our board of education, administrators, staff, students, parents and community. Wichita County USD 467 pledges its commitment to the achievement of these goals.

This week I will begin with how the USD 467 Board of Education is incorporating the state vision into our vision, values, mission, and goals. This week is the first of the three goals.

Goal 1: Every member of our school community can attain Academic Success

Desired Outcomes:

Postsecondary Success is having our students as College and Career Ready Graduates—Use data from current assessments and reports to make decisions on improving instruction and identifying students’ needs in order to succeed. (For example: Graduation Rate, Attendance, ACT scores, Multi-Tiered System of Support, etc.) Why? It is important for schools to be able to track the

postsecondary movement of high school graduates to determine whether students are pursuing and succeeding in postsecondary education.

What defines Success Rate? A student must meet one of the four following outcomes within two years of High School graduation: student earned an industry recognized certification while in high school; student earned a postsecondary certification; student earned a postsecondary degree; or, student enrolled in postsecondary in both the first and second year following high school graduation.

A second area, Individual Plan of Study, is support for meeting Individual students' needs: Explore options that work for this district to focus on individual students. (For example, Individual Plan of Study for every student, etc.) Individual plans of study should be considered a "best practice" for districts, can help all Kansas students obtain a suitable vision of their path toward college and career readiness, and will address the gap between the percentage of students enrolling and the percentage of students earning credit during their first year of enrollment in 2- and 4-year postsecondary institutions. As students navigate through high school and into career and college, it is imperative that students set educational goals and create a roadmap for success in high school and beyond. This roadmap, or individual plan of study, includes development of a flexible career focus and an education plan that is clearly-defined, rigorous, and relevant to assure a successful and efficient transition to postsecondary education and/or the workforce.

Community supports academic success.

High quality curriculum pathways and instruction; explore alternative curriculums. Highly effective teacher in every classroom; people leading our programs are as important as the programs themselves; excellent professional development options; evaluation system; recruitment, work conditions and compensation. Develop strategic community partnerships and collaborations.

Next week I will share goal 2: Every member of our school community can develop Civic Engagement.

Congratulations to the Indians Football team with their big win last Friday! They are now 4-1! Reminder-Friday of this week is Homecoming for the Wichita County High School Indians with the parade downtown at 3:00, pep rally at the 4-way stop, the annual Security State Bank tailgate at 6:00, and kick-off at 7:00 against the St. Francis Indians. Show your Indian Spirit by attending the homecoming events!

Thank you for taking the time to read this. If you have specific questions or want more information about what's happening in the buildings or district, don't hesitate to contact Lori Maxwell, WCES Principal, at 375-2314, Delbert Schmidt, WCJSHS Principal, at 375-2213, or me at 375-4677. Thanks!

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