

2021-2022 School Year Building Needs Assessment for 2022-2023 Budget Considerations

District: Geary County Schools - USD 475	Bldg #	Grades Served:
School: Early Childhood Center	0628	PK/K/IEP, PK, PKAR (1 YO) PKAR (4 YO)

Please consider the following questions as you complete the needs assessment for your building.

SECTION 1: Student Needs	Notes
a. Student Headcount	322 End of the 2021 School Year for Early Childhood Center Only
b. Percentage of students with an active IEP	199 students 62% End of the 2021 School Year for Early Childhood Center Only
c. Percentage of students enrolled in English Language Learner (ELL) services	46 students 14% End of the 2021 School Year for Early Childhood Center Only
d. Percentage of students identified as At-Risk (Free lunch)?	21.25% This represents EC Program District Wide
e. Pupil-Teacher Ratio Average	10.7 students per certified teacher At the end of the 2021-2022 School Year, Early Childhood Center had 15 teachers, each teacher teaches 2 sessions. The pupil-teacher ratio is based on each session. Each teacher has an average number of students each teacher serves is 21.5 students. The make-up of classrooms included 1 General Education classroom, 1 English Language Learners classroom, 12 Early Childhood Special Education Classrooms, and 1 Adaptive, Communication, Social Skills classroom
f. Pupil-Teacher Ratio Median	11 students per certified teacher At the end of the 2021-2022 School Year, Early Childhood Center had 15 teachers, each teacher teaches 2 sessions. The pupil-teacher ratio is based on each session. The average median of students each teacher serves is 22
g. Are the needs of Foster Care Students being met? If no, what supports are needed?	YES There are some challenges getting information regarding Individual Education Plans or delays in receiving information from students transferring in. However, this does not delay services and supports for students. There have also been challenges providing information to receiving schools if a child is transferred to another district.
h. Are there gaps in student success among race/ethnicity student subgroups?	NO When reviewing data regarding success rate, including Individual Growth and Development Indicators of Early Literacy, attendance, progress report, and students receiving Special Education services, no gaps are present.
i. Is there a tiered system of support to target reading growth?	YES Implementation of Structured Teaching components building wide not only meet the developmental needs of students receiving special education services, but provide tiered support for general education students
j. Is there a tiered system of support to target math growth?	YES Implementation of Structured Teaching components building wide not only meet the developmental needs of students receiving special education services, but provide tiered support for general education students
k. Are there local assessments to measure reading growth?	YES Early Childhood assesses Individual Growth and Development Indicators of Early Literacy, 3 times a year for students that will be entering Kindergarten the following year
l. Are there local assessments to measure math growth?	YES Early Childhood assesses Individual Growth and Development Indicators of Early Literacy, 3 times a year for students that will be entering Kindergarten the following year
m. Are there learning opportunities for students to focus on academic needs outside the traditional classroom setting?	NO
n. Reviewing state assessment data, what steps are you taking for all students to maximize their scores?	NA State Assessments are not administered for Early Childhood Students
o. Are there set targets/goals to move students out of proficiency Levels 1 and 2 on state assessments?	NA State Assessments are not administered for Early Childhood Students
SECTION 2: State Board of Education Outcomes (please utilize your district KESA (accreditation) and Star Recognition plans/rubrics)	Notes
a. How is social/emotional growth being measured?	Progress Reports, Standards Based Grading- IEP Progress Reports Early Childhood focuses on teaching of strategies and individualizing approaches for students. Discipline reports are put into the system due to age appropriateness.
b. What are the targets/goals related to social/emotional growth?	Early Childhood focuses on the skills of recognizing emotions, following routines, following multi-step directions, appropriate communication and social skills to interact effectively, sustaining attention to task, and behaviors that impede learning These are supported through Second Step Curriculum, and Early Childhood teachers also supplement with Feeling Buddies and use a Conscious Discipline approach.
c. How do you determine students are ready for kindergarten? (only if building serves kindergartens)	NA
d. What are the targets/goals related to kindergarten readiness? (only if building serves kindergartens)	NA
e. How are successes of Individual Plans of Study being measured?	NA
f. What are the targets/goals related to postsecondary completion/attendance? (only if building serves Grade 12)	NA
g. How are you ensuring students are civically engaged?	Early Childhood focuses on community within the classroom, providing students with purposeful jobs, teaching rules and procedures, and focus on developmentally appropriate discussions about community (community helpers, where we live, etc.) Through our Early Literacy Curriculum, a unit supports the introduction of community workers. Additional outreach to the community is needed
SECTION 3: Curriculum Needs	Notes
a. What extended learning opportunities are provided (after school programs, summer school programs, etc.)?	YES Summer School is available for Early Childhood students. As the program expands, the goal to provide extended day childcare opportunities is present.
b. Are there appropriate and adequate instructional materials?	YES Early Childhood is provided with curriculum for Early Literacy, Numeracy, and Social Emotional Learning. Supplemental is still needed to meet the needs of our younger students, specifically with numeracy and Wonders, is needed a lot of supplemental materials to meet the needs. Specifically with math and phonemic awareness. Early Childhood to have training on specific curriculums are going to be implemented. A Professional Development Plan has been developed at the building level to support the implementation of curriculum for the varying level of teacher need.
c. Is current technology appropriate? If no, what technology is needed to support the curriculum?	YES The Early Childhood Center currently has updated smartTVs in each classroom.
SECTION 4: Educational Capacities (pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3218)	Notes
b. Subjects and areas of instruction necessary to meet the graduation requirements adopted by the state board of education are taught. (only if building serves Grade 1-12)	NA
c. Is every child in your school provided at least the following capacities?	NA
1. Sufficient oral and written communication skills to enable students to function in complex and rapidly changing civilization.	NA
2. Sufficient knowledge of economic, social, and political systems to enable students to make informed choices.	NA
3. Sufficient understanding of governmental processes to enable the student to understand the issues that affect his or her community, state and nation.	NA
4. Sufficient self-knowledge and knowledge of his or her mental and physical wellness.	NA
5. Sufficient grounding in the arts to enable each student to appreciate his or her cultural and historical heritage.	NA
6. Sufficient training or preparation for advanced training in either academic or vocational fields so as to enable each child to choose and pursue life work intelligently.	NA
7. Sufficient levels of academic or vocational skills to enable students to compete favorably with their counterparts in surrounding states, in academics or in job market.	NA
SECTION 5: Staff Needs	Notes
a. Is there adequate personnel/staff to meet the needs of the school and the needs of students under ESEA guidelines, which requires every classroom to contain an educator who is certified in the content area being taught in said classroom, and meet the goals of the school?	NO For the 2022-2023 School Year, Early Childhood Center has two Early Childhood Special Education teaching positions open.
b. How many classified support staff are currently employed?	41 This includes lunch Paraprofessionals, Teacher Aides, Office Staff, and Food Service, and Library Clerk
c. How many classified support staff are needed?	15 This would provide an additional para for each Early Childhood classroom and an additional SLP-A.

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A needs assessment for each attendance center within the USD needs to be completed by the USD leadership and board of education and posted on the USDs website, a copy should also be available at the USDs administrative offices.

Light yellow cells are intended to be filled in.

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Sec. 8. On and after July 1, 2021, K.S.A. 72-1163 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-1163. (a) Each year the board of education of a school district shall conduct an assessment of the educational needs of each attendance center in the district. Information obtained from such needs-assessment shall be used by the board when preparing the budget of the school district to ensure improvement in student academic performance. The budget of the school district shall allocate sufficient moneys in a manner reasonably calculated such that all students may achieve the goal set forth in K.S.A. 72-3218(c), and amendments thereto. The board also shall prepare a summary of the budget for the school district. The budgets and summary shall be in the form prescribed by the director pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2926, and amendments thereto.

d. Are there enough appropriately licensed support personnel such as counselors, librarians, nurses, etc.?	No	The Early Childhood Center has a part-time library clerk in place of a librarian that is successfully meeting the needs of our students.
e. Are principals & other key staff trained to provide instructional leadership and professional development to teachers?	Yes	
f. What staff development is necessary for teachers to support student success and meet the school improvement goals?	New teacher trainings throughout the year, classified staff involvement and collaboration opportunities.	Specific staff development for individual teacher needs include more opportunity for online/asynchronous opportunities specific to our individual professions (teachers, OT, PE, SLP, paraprofessionals, school psych, social work).
SECTION 6: Facility Needs		
a. Is there adequate space for student learning?	No	Notes Classrooms are adjoined by a shared bathroom and causes increased noise level; There is not adequate space to provide Direct Instruction for students or space for students to receive remediate services. We do not have an indoor space for Gros Motor when there is inclement weather.
b. Are there necessary repairs and/or adjustment to the existing space that need to be made?	Yes	Related services need dedicated space to work with students (office space/classroom/work area). Flat surface play area (no rubber or mulch). Updates to furniture and consistent furniture provided across each classroom.
c. Are additional School Buses needed or any additional Routes needed?	YES	Due to the number of students receiving transportation, many of our students are on busses for an extended period of time.
SECTION 7: Family Needs/Community Relations		
a. Do you have regular events to engage parents with teachers?	Yes	Notes Parent-Teacher Conferences, Twice yearly family events, Home Visits, Open House, Parents invited to join for meals, field trips, Freedom Walk, and Water Day
b. What types of caregiver training programs (teaching guardians how to give students help with homework, use technology that students will be required to use, etc.) are provided?	Yes	Information on How to Use Schoology, Triple PPP, Early Block Grant, Parents as Teachers
c. Do you have an active Site Council?	Yes	
d. Do you have active PTO, PTA, Booster Club, or other organizations with parent leadership?	No	
e. What types of communication exists with families? Is it adequate?		Schoology, Building Monthly Newsletters, Facebook Page, Emergency Alert System
f. What types of communication/social media exists with your community? Is it adequate?		District Webpage, Early Childhood Webpage, Monthly Newsletters and weekly communication from teachers
SECTION 8: School Data		
a. Building Attendance Rate		89.4%
b. Building Chronic Absenteeism Rate		52.6%
c. District Chronic Absenteeism Rate		77.6%
d. District Graduation Rate		84.7%
e. District Dropout Rate		1.7%
SECTION 8A: High School Needs (buildings with grades 10 through 12 only)		
a. What is our building graduation rate?		NA
b. What is our building dropout rate?		NA
c. What is our average comprehensive ACT score?		NA
SECTION 9: Other Data		
a. Based on the building leadership team's analysis, what are the barriers your school faces with non-assessment related issues?	Absence rate, teacher shortage, and adequate space to provide students remediate services.	Notes
1. Can these be achieved with additional resources?		YES Teacher shortage will require recruitment from all levels of the district, consideration of a new Early Childhood Center would address the additional barriers
2. Why or why not?	Increasing communication with parents regarding attendance, increasing parent engagement will help decrease chronic absences;	Attendance plan is in place to decrease the number of absences at Early Childhood Center
b. Additional building unique items:		