

2013-2014 Profile Information



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2013-14 Budget General Information

Introduction

Riley County Schools have seen a steady increase in enrollment of 9% over the past 10 years, going from 618 Full Time Equivalency (FTE) to 699.5 FTE. Demographically we would expect to see a continued growth pattern due to several reasons. First, Riley County Schools have an excellent reputation within the area and families looking for smaller class sizes, excellent academic standards, outstanding activity & athletic teams, and terrific facilities have considered going out of their local school districts and coming to Riley County. Second, according to Ft. Riley Military Base personnel-within a 60-mile radius, the region can expect an increase of 33,000 people. Of these 33,000 people there may be around 6,000 school-aged children. Riley County Schools would anticipate some of these 6,000 students to enroll within our schools. Since the Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC) action we have increased our military students to 74 or 10.29% of our student population. Third, with the awarding of NBAF to KSU-Manhattan, there should be a steady increase of possible students.

In Kansas, school funding is based upon the number of FTE students schools have on the September 20th count day and a second count day on February 20th for districts that have students whose parents are full time military. Approximately only 25% of the schools in Kansas have a steady or increasing enrollment.

Our 2013-14 General Fund Budget receives 86% state aid and our Supplemental General (Local Option Budget/LOB) budget receives 39% state aid. The district has chosen to assess 6 mills for Capital Outlay which receives 0% state aid. Capital Outlay money can only be used for capital improvements, which are generally large money items and need continued maintenance. Our total mill levy increase is .428 to 54.652 mills. Since 1997 our mill levy has averaged 51.367 mills. The main reason for the mill levy increase is due to the reduction of 10% state aid for our Supplemental General (LOB) budget.

It cost our district \$12,864 to educate a child at Riley County Schools. However, our local taxpayers only fund 23% or \$3,019 of the total cost. Due to less state funding, local patrons are asked to fund an increasing percentage. Since 2004, the first year our Local Option Budget (LOB) Supplemental General Budget local taxes exceeded our General Fund local taxes, our expenditures have risen an average of 4.23% to over \$8.9 million. Teachers and staff are utilizing alternative methods of funding to ensure quality instructional materials. Our local Parent Teacher Organization has provided much appreciated financial support.

The District's total assessed valuations have increased for all funds other than General Fund to \$39,936,411. The General Fund assessed valuation has increased to \$36,174,623. Per state statute, this GF assessed valuation subtracts out homes that have an assessed valuation of less than \$20,000 that are not subject to the 20 mills state wide tax.

What has caused this percentage increase in mill levies?

- significant increases within our supplemental general (LOB) budget in special education (SPED) flow through money due to increased numbers and severities of exceptionalities & increases in Medicaid reimbursements
- more emphasis on local tax responsibility vs. state aid due specifically to changes within the FTE weighted formulas-reduction of state aid
- KPERS-retirement increases included within our budget
- Increase in Capital Outlay expenditures

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Key Staff

Superintendent: Brad Starnes
Board of Education Treasurer: Sandy Glessner
Curriculum & Instruction Staff: Teresa Grant, RCGS Principal; Antoinette Root, RCHS Principal;
Curriculum/Data Analysis Director: Shari Taylor
Other Key Contacts: Sandy Glessner, School Board Treasurer, Jenae Suderman, Board Clerk

The District's Accomplishments and Challenges

In the **12-13** school year Riley County Students reached Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) levels. Over 100 school districts, out of 300+, and 300 schools failed to make AYP. By 2014 all schools are to have all students proficient on the Kansas State Assessments.

RCHS has had 7 National Merit Scholarship Finalist over the past 12 years.

US News and World Report chose RCHS as one of 42 Kansas best schools!

Both Riley County Grade School and Riley County High School achieved the state Standard of Excellence as a building in Reading and Math.

Teaching and administrative staffs at both RCGS and RCHS have won numerous awards: RCHS staff member, Janie Brokenicky, was a KSDE Horizon Award winner and was honored with the Young Director's Award for the state of Kansas. The award is presented to the individual who has shown great contributions to the profession of choral music. It is presented to a person in his or her first five years of teaching. Shelby Muha, RCHS Family and Consumer Science teacher, was elected as the FCCLA KS President of the state board of directors as well as being recommended to be a National consultant for FCCLA. RCHS Counselor, Katie Ball was selected as the Sylvan Learning Center Counselor of the Year. RCGS staff member, Julie Doyen was selected by KSDE to serve a 3 year term on the State QPA Advisory Council, National Board certified state vice president and Kansas Association of School Librarians (KASL) – State Assistant Treasurer. Garry Sigle was named KCA Girls All Classes Coach of the Year and Head Shrine Bowl Cross Country Team RCHS Principal, Eric Swanson was selected as the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals Regional Principal of the Year and selected to serve on the KASSP Board of Directors. Superintendent Brad Starnes was selected to serve on the Kansas Association of School Administrators Board of Directors and received the Kansas Music Educators Association State Administrator of the Year. These award winners join former winners: Joyce Troyer, Kansas Ag Teacher of the Year and Kansas Economic Educator of the Year for Grades 6-8. And RCHS staff member, Sarah Gill; Fulbright Scholarship to study

abroad in Paraguay. District School Resource Officer (SRO) Julia Goggins was selected as the Riley County Police Department Officer of the Year.

Our athletic teams were outstanding as well, **girls basketball** qualified for the state tournament- in the past 17 years we have qualified 17 teams and have gone to state the last 11 years in a row; in the 35 years prior to that, Riley County went to state a total of 2 times. Over the past six years our **girls cross country** team has finished 2nd, 1st, 1st, 1st, 2nd and 1st at the Kansas Cross Country Championships. Since 1990, our girls cross country team have finished out of the top five at state only four times! That is a span of 18 years. And, in 10 of those years our girl's team has either finished 1st or 2nd. Furthermore, during those 18 years we have had 9 individual state champions...and that is just on the girl's side. The **boys cross country** have won three state titles and have won 6 individual state titles. **Football** for 16 out of the last 20 years been league champions and/or in the state playoffs. **Track and Field**-for 19 straight years of had an individual state champion.

Riley County has 3 former student/athletes competing professionally: Jon McGraw KC Chiefs and Jordy Nelson Green Bay Packers-NFL, Amy Mortimer-Reebok/Olympic runner.

Our women's choir was one of only three choirs chosen to perform at the Kansas Music Educators Association annual convention! And Riley County High School was the only school all sizes to qualify 9 to the Kansas Choir Director Association honor choir! At the State Large Group Music our Men's Choir, Women's Choir and Concert Choir received 3 Division I ratings (only choir at the festival to bring home 3 top ratings) and Band received a Division I rating-first since 2004.

At the state fair we had 2 Grand Champion Future Farmers of America mechanical projects, a first for the district.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) Greenhand land judging team won first place at their district contest-a first for our team!

Emma Glessner-FCCLA qualified for national FCCLA with her STAR event winning a silver rating.

Both Riley County Grade and High School were recognized as being counseling Programs of Excellence! The only district in the state to have both high and grade school honored!!!

An art class from Riley County High School will be featured at the National Art Education Association's Annual Conference in Dallas! A collaborative artist trading card project between Free State High School in Lawrence, KS and our Riley County art class will be presented by Ms. Meadows and the Free State High School art teacher Ms. Downs. Our project was judged and scored along with thousands of other applicants. It is an honor and a privilege to have been chosen. The project is called Building Communities: Rural Meets Suburban. The students will finish the project in December and it will be presented in March. Congratulations Riley County art students!

Note: The FTE (full time equivalency) used in this report to calculate the "Amount Per Pupil" is defined as following: Enrollment (FTE) includes the enrollment of the district used for state aid and budget authority, and all other preschool enrollment and kindergarten

students attending full time.

KSDE Website Information Available

K-12 Statistics (Building, District or State Totals)

<http://svapp15586.ksde.org/k12/k12.aspx>

- Attendance / Enrollment Reports
- Staff Reports
- Graduates / Dropouts Reports
- Crime / Violence Reports

School Finance Reports and Publications

<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1870>

- Certified Personnel
- Enrollment
- Dropouts
- Graduates
- Salary Reports

Kansas Building Report Card

<http://svapp15586.ksde.org/rcard/>

- Attendance Rate
- Graduation Rate
- Dropout Rate
- School Violence
- Assessments
 - Reading
 - Mathematics
 - Writing
- Graduates Passing Adv. Science Courses
- Graduates Passing Adv. Math Courses