



Director of Student Learning
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Online Enrollment and Fee Payment

USD 113 will continue to utilize an online enrollment process but we are moving to a new product called Enrollment Express. The benefits of this change include a seamless integration inside of PowerSchool and additional local control of the enrollment forms. The system is a secure, green process which allows each school to verify all student demographics, emergency, and medical information for every student in a more efficient manner prior to the start of school. The system will also allow parents to electronically sign the annual permission forms. In short, this online process will replace all the hard copy student enrollment and Google permission forms that we have utilized in the past. We plan to open this online enrollment portal the week of July 20th so parents will have the opportunity to complete the forms prior to our actual in person enrollment which is scheduled for August 5th.

Additionally, we will continue utilizing e-Funds for schools as an online payment option for parents that would prefer to pay using a debit or credit card. Utilizing the online payment option and online enrollment forms will eliminate the need for parents to visit the building during the scheduled enrollment times. If a parent prefers to pay by check at the building, needs assistance logging in and completing the online enrollment forms, or does not have internet access, we will have regularly scheduled enrollment times on August 5th from 7 am – 7 pm. Sabetha Elementary School, Sabetha High School, and Sabetha Middle School will all be set up at Sabetha Middle School for parents to complete enrollment for these three schools. Parents at Axtell and Wetmore will also be able to complete enrollment and receive assistance in their respective buildings. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the school office or Jennifer Gatz at the district office gatzj@usd113.org.

Admin Boot Camp

Our administrative team participated in professional development on June 30th and July 1st at the USD 113 district office. Several activities were planned for the two days of professional learning. As a team we focused on district topics moving into Year 5 of our KESA process, reflected on the 2019-2020 school year, and began brainstorming ideas for reopening schools. Additionally, Lisa Suhr provided professional development on technology topics for administrators focused on Google Classroom and Seesaw. I am grateful to have this time with our administrative team.

Social Studies Curriculum Writing

Our social studies teachers gathered at Sabetha Middle School to rewrite our social studies curriculum aligned to our new resources that were purchased last year and the recently adopted Kansas History and Government Standards on June 23rd and 24th. This time was very beneficial for developing common expectations. I appreciate all the hard work and dedication of our teachers to this process.

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Our new teachers had the opportunity to learn more about our benefits program and receive their iPads and laptop on June 25th. We will continue our new teacher orientation activities on August 3rd and 4th. We are looking forward to a great year and working with our new teachers.

Classified Staff In-Service

We will have all of our classified staff professional learning on August 11th. This allows us to complete the required training and provide time for groups of staff to meet and discuss items specific to their role within the district.

K-5 English Language Arts Curriculum Training

Our new ELA curriculum resources have arrived and our teachers are excited about using these new resources. The K-2 teachers participated in a ½ day training on The Superkids Reading program on July 7th or 8th. We are excited to get started supporting students with explicit phonics instruction through this program. Our coach for this program will return at the end of October to answer any questions we have and to provide us with feedback regarding our implementation. The 3rd-5th grade teachers will have the opportunity to participate in professional learning in August on the Wonders 2020 program.

Building Leadership Meetings July 21st and 22nd

Our building leadership teams will be meeting on July 21st and 22nd. On these days we will discuss and work through the plans for reopening our schools. Additional planning will take place regarding year five of our accreditation process as well as planning for our back to school in-service sessions and revisions to our MTSS process.

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