

# Unified School District No. 407 2025-2026 School Year

## SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES

A full range of special education services for children and students with disabilities ages 3 to 21 are provided in USD 407 by the West Central Kansas Special Education Coop. Students with disabilities may need special instruction or related services to receive an appropriate education. Students with disabilities have the right to a free appropriate public education as mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Civil Rights Act, and Kansas Statutes and Regulations.

Federal and State legislation requires each local board of education in Kansas to provide special education and related services to exceptional children. In Kansas, exceptional children include the intellectually gifted, as well as children/students with disabilities. Services for the intellectually gifted are provided for kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Special Education services are currently provided by the West Central Kansas Special Education Coop for the following areas: Autism, Deaf-Blindness, Developmental Delay which includes Early Childhood Education (ages 3-5), Emotional Disturbance, Giftedness, Hearing Impairment, Intellectual Disability, Multiple Disabilities, Orthopedic Impairment, Other Health Impairment, Specific Learning Disability, Speech/Language Disability, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Visual Impairment.

Parents are advised that all special education services are designed to offer the utmost in educational opportunities for each qualifying student, as well as to aid and support in the areas of physical, mental, emotional, and social growth. State and federal laws are followed in providing each student with a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.

If you have a child or know of a child who may need special education services, contact your building administrator.

## Infants & Toddlers

USD 407 does not directly provide services for infants and toddlers. However, there is a close relationship with the agency (KidLink) that does work with the special needs of these children. Parents can contact the building principal or the school psychologist at Simpson Elementary School (785) 483-6180 or KidLink at (785) 425-6766 for more information.

## Screenings & Referrals – Early Childhood

Free developmental screenings for children from birth to 5 years of age are available throughout the school term. Parents can call Simpson Elementary School at (785) 483-6180 to schedule an appointment. The following areas are screened: vision, hearing, speech, language, motor skills, cognitive, social-emotional development, or behavioral development.

## Referrals – School Age

Each school within USD 407 has a General Education Intervention (GEI) team that monitors student-learning needs by providing research-based interventions to the classroom teachers to support learning. In addition, this team collects data to determine if the strategies chosen are helping the student demonstrate growth or if there are still concerns. While the GEI is not a referral for a special education evaluation, data from the process is used when the team/parent determine that a special education evaluation is necessary. USD 407 invites any parent who believes their child may be eligible for special education services to approach the classroom teacher, counselor, or principal with concerns about their child’s learning challenges.

## School Calendar

Aug. 6	.....	New Teacher Orientation
Aug. 7-12	.....	District and Building Inservice
Aug. 13	.....	First Day of Classes (8:00 – 11:30)
Aug. 13	.....	Teacher Workday (12:00 – 3:30)
Sept. 1	.....	Labor Day, No School
Sept. 29	.....	Teacher Inservice
Oct. 10	.....	End of 1st Quarter
Oct. 17	.....	Teacher Inservice/Workday
Oct. 20	.....	Parent-Teacher Conferences, No School
Oct. 31	.....	No School (P-T Exchange Day)
Nov. 24 – 28	.....	Fall Break, No School
Dec. 18	.....	End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
Dec. 19	.....	Teacher Inservice/Workday
Dec. 22 – Jan. 2	.....	Winter Break, No School
Jan. 5	.....	Teacher Inservice/Workday
Jan. 6	.....	Classes Resume
Jan. 19	.....	MLK Day, No School
Feb. 2	.....	Teacher Inservice
Feb. 16	.....	President’s Day, No School
Mar. 5	.....	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar. 6	.....	Teacher Inservice/Workday
Mar. 9	.....	Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School
Mar. 16-20	.....	Spring Break, No School
Mar. 23	.....	No School (P-T Exchange Day)
Apr. 3	.....	Good Friday, No School
Apr. 6	.....	Easter Monday, No School
May 9	.....	Graduation @ Russell Senior High School
May 13	.....	End 4th Quarter/2nd Semester
May 13	.....	Last Day of Classes (Classes 8:00 – 11:30)
May 13	.....	Teacher Workday (12:00 – 3:30)

## Confidentiality of Records

All special education records are confidential. The records are available to parents plus staff who have a need to know, such as the child’s teachers, principal, or counselor. When a child transfers out of the district, their records are typically sent to the new district upon request, without needing prior permission. Permission of the parent/legal guardian must be obtained to release records to other agencies, professionals, or individuals.

Records are kept digitally. After seven (7) years following program completion or graduation from high school, unless the student (or student’s legal guardian) has taken possession of the records prior to that time, the special education records will be destroyed.

To have copies sent to other parties or to obtain more information regarding special education and related services in USD 407, contact your building administrator or school psychologist.

## STUDENT FEES

Costs are to be paid at enrollment or arrangements made to establish a payment plan. Applications for free or reduced meals/textbooks are available at the District Administration Office, school offices, or online and should be filled out to apply for such. Failure to complete the Consent for Disclosure portion of the application will result in textbook rental fees being assessed at the full rate.

## Meal Prices

	Breakfast	Lunch
Full Pay / Grades PreK – 6	\$2.50	\$3.25
Full Pay / Grades 7 – 12	\$2.75	\$3.50
Full Pay / Adult	\$3.00	\$5.00
Reduced / Grades K – 12	\$0.30	\$0.40
Free / Grades K – 12	\$0.00	\$0.00
Milk Price	\$0.60	\$0.60
Extra Entree	--	\$2.00
K.S.A 72-3352, 72-3353		

## Textbook Rental

Grades K – 12	Full Pay	\$50.00
Grades K – 12	Reduced Pay	\$20.00
Grades K – 12	Free	\$0.00

## Technology Use

Grades K – 12	Network Fee	\$25.00
Grades K – 12	Device & Network Fee	\$50.00
Grades K - 12	Device Fee	\$50.00

## Russell Junior-Senior High School

Grades 9 – 12	AG – Adv Ag Mechanics	18402A / 18402B	35.00	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	AG – Ag Leadership & Comm.	18203A / 18203B	\$10.00	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	AG – Ag Mechanics	18401A / 18401B	\$25.00	Semester
Grades 8 – 12	AG – Intro to Ag	18001A / 18001B	\$10.00	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	AG – Plant & Soil Science	18058A / 18058B	\$10.00	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	AG –Plant & Animal Science	18301A / 18301B	\$10.00	Semester
Grades 7 – 8	Art	7020 / 8020 / 8720	\$20.00	Semester
Grades 7 – 12	Credit Rec (Reimbursed upon pass)		\$150.00	Per ½ Credit
Grades 9 – 12	CTE – CNA (Fees paid to NCK)	151742		NCK Semester
Grades 8 – 12	CTE – Welding Processes 1	39207A / 39207B	\$70.00	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	CTE – Welding Processes 2	39208A / 39208B	\$70.00	Semester
Grades 8 – 12	DRED – In-District Students		\$214.00	Annually
Grades 8 – 12	DRED – Out-of-District Students		\$314.00	Annually
Grades 9 – 12	FA – Arts & Crafts	334441 / 344641	\$12.50	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	FA – Painting A	344441	\$25.00	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	FA – Sculpture	344541	\$25.00	Semester
Grades 7 – 8	FACS	40750 / 40850	\$20.00	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	FC – Baking & Pastry	16056	\$30.00	Semester
Grades 9 –12	FC – Culinary Arts 1	160531 / 160532	\$30.00	Semester
Grades 9 –12	FC – Culinary Arts 1	3405622 / 3405623	\$30.00	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	FC – Culinary Essentials	16052	\$30.00	Semester
Grades 9 –12	FC – Nutrition Wellness & Wellness	08057	\$30.00	Semester
Grades 7 – 12	FC – Life Skills	751541 / 751542	\$30.00	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	MF – Introduction to Welding	13207	\$70.00	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	PE – Introduction to School Officiating	5408049A/5408049B	\$135.00	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	TE – Cabinetmaking 1	17007A/17007B	\$50.00	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	TE – Cabinetmaking 2	38007A/38007B	\$65.00	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	TE – Carpentry 1	17002A/17002B	\$12.50	Semester
Grades 9 – 12	TE – Carpentry 2	38002A/38002B	\$12.50	Semester
Grades 8 – 12	TE – Introduction to Construction	38001 8A/21108 8B	\$12.50	Semester
Grades 7 – 12	Class Fee		\$10.00	Annually
Grades 7 – 12	STUCO Fee		\$10.00	Annually

# Legal Notice



(First published in the *Russell County News* Thursday, July 3, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS

TERRY MORRIS D/B/A GLM COMPANY, Plaintiff

v.

CROWN ENERGY COMPANY; CROWN ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC; HERBERT W. JORGENSEN ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST A/K/A HERBERT W. JORGENSEN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 10, 2018, ROBERT SPENCER, DAVID KOZEN, HARVEY ROSENFELD, ASHWIN SHAN and USA GROUP, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any Defendant; the unknown spouses of any Defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any Defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corpora-

tions; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any Defendant that are or were partners or in partnership, and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any Defendant that is a minor or is under legal disability, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased. Defendants

## NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: THE STATE OF KANSAS, ALL DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED and designated and all other persons who are, or may be, concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Russell County, Kansas, seeking to foreclose plaintiff’s supplier’s lien against the defendants’ interest in the Kepka Heirs A & B oil and gas leases which leases cover the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 29, Township 14, Range 12, Russell County,

Kansas, as well as monetary judgement against the defendants’ interests in the Subject Leases, and directing public sale of the interests and barring the defendants, and each of them, from claiming any right, title or interest in said leases and the improvements to the same. Plaintiff’s Petition is incorporated herein by reference. You are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before the 19th day of August, 2025, in the Court at Russell, Russell County, Kansas. If you fail to answer or otherwise defend, the allegations in the petition will be taken as true and judgement will be entered in accordance with the relief sought in the Petition.

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July 3, 10, 17

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## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**Center Township**  
**Russell County**

will meet on July 28th, 2025 at 9:00AM at Center Township Building for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Russell County Clerk’s Office and will be available at this hearing.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	40,016	3.862	59,938	3.858	45,121	37,112	4.013
Debt Service							
Library							
Road	205,253	21.797	205,158	21.778	221,949	204,311	24.292
Special Road							
Noxious Weed	24,510	4.211	38,209	4.207	40,585	25,085	2.983
Fire Protection							
Non-Budgeted Funds							
Special Machinery							
Totals	269,779	29.870	303,305	29.843	307,655	266,508	31.288
Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	269,779		303,305		307,655		
Total Tax Levied	275,062		266,509		xxxxxxx		
Total Assessed Valuation	10,619,680		9,619,107		9,248,965		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					8,410,662		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1							
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	0		0		0		

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

\*\*Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

*Ray A. Kepka Jr (trustee)*  
Township Official

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