

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

Table listing school calendar events from August to May, including New Teacher Orientation, District and Building Inservice, Labor Day, Teacher Inservice, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Winter Break, Spring Break, and Graduation.

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

Table showing meal prices for Breakfast and Lunch across different grade levels (PreK-12, Adult) and reduced/free options.

Textbook Rental

Table showing textbook rental fees for Full Pay, Reduced Pay, and Free across different grade levels (K-12).

Technology Use

Table showing technology use fees for Network Fee, Device & Network Fee, and Device Fee across different grade levels (K-12).

Russell Junior-Senior High School

Table listing various school activities and their associated fees for different grade levels (Grades 7-12).

Legal Notice



NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Gorham will meet on August 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Gorham City Hall 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.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 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.

Table comparing Prior Year Actual for 2024, Current Year Estimate for 2025, and Proposed Budget for 2026 across various fund categories like General, Debt Service, Library, Special Highway, Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste.

Summary table for Less: Transfers, Net Expenditure, Total Tax Levied, and Assessed Valuation, along with Outstanding Indebtedness for 2023, 2024, and 2025.

*Tax rates are expressed in mills. ** Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Rex Soldan
City Official Title: City Treasurer

July 17

Legal Notice



The governing body of Fairport Cemetery Russell County will meet on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 9:30 AM at 5115 Canyon Rd, Russell, Ks for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Russell County (home county) Ellis County, . . .

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Eric M. Hepler

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