



# JEFFERSON WEST USD 340 MERIDEN, KANSAS

Invites candidates to apply for the position of  
**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

## USD 340 MISSION STATEMENT

Each student will be prepared to meet life’s challenges as a productive member of society.

## SELECTION TIMELINE

Application due: January 26, 2024  
Screening begins: January 29, 2024  
Anticipated hire date: February 2024  
Contract begins: July 1, 2024

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must hold a current District Administrative License by July 1, 2024. A resume and cover letter should be emailed to the Board Clerk at [boeclerk@usd340.org](mailto:boeclerk@usd340.org).

## THE POSITION

Jefferson West USD 340 Board of Education is seeking applications from interested and highly qualified candidates to fill the position of Superintendent. Jefferson West Schools is accredited by the Kansas State Department of Education.

A contract will be offered with a salary based on qualifications and experience along with a benefits package to the successful applicant. USD 340 is an equal employment/educational opportunity agency.



## DISTRICT INFORMATION

### Budget Information (2022-23)

General Fund.....	\$ 7,222,365	20.000 mills
Supplemental General.....	\$ 2,402,080	12.937 mills
Capital Outlay.....	\$ 887,091	8.000 mills
Bond & Interest.....	\$ 670,296	0.000 mills
Assessed Valuation.....	\$ 67,823,355	

### Buildings, Staff & Enrollment

Total enrollment: 827

Administrators: 5

Certified Staff: 63

Classified Staff: 57

Elementary school: K – 4<sup>th</sup> grade (enrollment: 307)

Middle school: 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades (enrollment: 262)

High school: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades (enrollment: 258)





## OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Jefferson West Booster Club actively supports the programs and students at all grade levels. The Board of Education encourages support by the Booster Club, local businesses, and civic organizations in the district programs.

Parent and Patron volunteers work closely with teachers at all grade levels. This partnership with the community and the parents is essential if students are to reach their fullest potential.

In 2012 the patrons of USD 340 approved a 3.6-million-dollar bond issue that provided various improvements to our school facilities. The bond included a one-to-one iPad initiative for our students. The Board of education continually assesses the needs of the district as part of a continuous improvement process.



Major employers in our community are Ernest-Spencer Companies, R & S Maintenance Services & Machine Shop, and the Mammoth Sports Construction and Mammoth Sports Academy. A wide variety of other businesses provide services for many facets of everyday life.

Those retail establishments include a bank, grocery store, pharmacy, a winery, fitness center, and several restaurants. Housing options are available to meet the needs of any family. Our community has the asset of the thriving Meriden-Ozawkie Library. A good variety of churches serve the needs of the citizens in our community.

The Meriden-Ozawkie Chamber of Commerce supports the Jefferson West community. This organization supports a variety of activities and a post-secondary scholarship program for graduating seniors.

Lake Perry Reservoir offers the opportunity for year-round outdoor activity through boating, fishing, hiking, and hunting. Our community has two 18-hole golf courses for both the golf enthusiast and the beginner.

The Jefferson West community is within a 20-minute drive of Topeka, 30 minutes from Lawrence, and less than 60 minutes from the Kansas City metro area.

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Along with the regular brick and mortar buildings, in 2006 the district opened the Jeff West Academy for Adult Learners, a dropout recovery program for adults interested in returning to school to earn an actual high school diploma. The district has dedicated itself to maintaining appropriate classes for the students, allowing a more personal educational experience.

Generally, there are around 17-23 students per class throughout the district. Patrons passed a bond issue in November 1994, to construct a new high school at a cost of \$5.7 million. Seventy percent of the voters approved this new 83,500 square foot high school that opened in August 1996. A new student activity building was erected in the fall of 2001, and a new greenhouse was added to the district in 2007.

USD 340 strives to maintain the advantages of a small, rural way of life within its schools. Manageable class sizes, dedicated personnel, personalized instruction, and strong school-community relations are maintained. Jefferson West provides, through the Keystone Learning Services, a comprehensive and complete program of Special Education. AdvancedED and the State of Kansas accredit all three Jefferson West schools. The district adopted the TASN MTSS process in 2016 to provide a support system to assist all our students in learning. We continue to fine-tune that process to meet the learning needs of students.

In cooperation with the Washburn Institute of Technology, the Jefferson West School District provides a comprehensive vocational and technical program for High School students in grades eleven and twelve. Jefferson West High School also provides college credit hours through Highland Community College for qualifying students. A variety of Advanced Placement courses offer another avenue for High School students to earn college credit.

Along with many clubs and student organizations, Jefferson West also offers a Fine Arts program including: Band, Vocal Music, Art, Drama, Forensics and Debate opportunities for students. Jefferson West Academy for Adult Learners allows adults to earn their Jefferson West High School Diploma.

