

2023-2024

USD Budget Profile



Hugoton USD 210

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2023-2024 Budget General Information

USD #: 210

Introduction

USD 210 is located in Southwest Kansas in Hugoton, the county seat of Stevens County. Hugoton Schools serve just under 1,100 students in grades pre-K through 12. A high percentage of our teachers have advanced degrees, and we have staff with a wide range of experience levels. USD 210 has a district valuation of around \$114 million dollars. USD 210 was once considered property rich and demographically poor. As valuation has declined, that description is no longer accurate. The district does remain what would be considered demographically poor. Approximately 60% of USD 210 students are at or below the poverty level, and 40% of students are English Language Learners.

USD 210 operates 4 educational buildings: Early Childhood Development Center (PreK-K), Hugoton Elementary (1st-6th grade), Hugoton Middle School (7th-8th grade), and Hugoton High School (9th-12th grades). In addition, USD 210 operates Hugoton Learning Academy as an online learning option for students who prefer an alternative academic setting. Hugoton Public Schools employees around 75 full time teachers, 8 administrators, and 80 classified personnel. This makes the district the largest employer in Stevens County.

The main economic drivers located within USD 210 boundaries are oil/gas and agriculture. Over the past decade the economy has been diversified with the addition of Kansas Dairy Ingredients and Seaboard Energy. These have helped stabilize the valuation within the county as 4 of the past 5 years have seen valuation increases.

Kansas Dairy Ingredients continues to be a bright spot in the economics of Hugoton. KDI, a milk processing plant has provided over 60 full time jobs and continues to grow. They completed a first phase of expansion a little over a year ago and are finishing up a 2nd expansion in 2021. This plant typically processes over 1 million pounds of milk a day, with a maximum of 2.5 million pounds of milk. KDI has also begun producing several types of cheese that they ship to restaurants across the country.

Seaboard Energy has completed construction, reconfiguring the former Abengoa ethanol plant. Now, biodiesel is produced by the plant and shipped by rail to California. Seaboard Energy employees over 60 full time employees and has helped bring stability to the local energy market.

The quality of life in Hugoton is enhanced by its commitment to young people and families. Hugoton's Recreation Commission is committed to providing activities for the youth of the county, at an affordable cost. Forewinds Municipal Golf Course is a diamond in the rough and provides adult recreation for the community. Additionally, there are over twenty places of worship to meet the religious needs of the community. The Hugoton Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council continue to work to improve the economic viability of Hugoton and of Stevens County. Finally, Hugoton is located near many interesting destinations (Amarillo, TX - 3 hours; Red River, NM - 5 hours; Angel Fire, NM - 5 hours; Colorado Springs, CO - 5 hours)

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The District's Accomplishments and Challenges

Accomplishments:

Graduation Rate

Hugoton High School's graduation rate continues to be above the state average, with a 5 average graduation rate of 96.1%. Hugoton Learning Academy, a charter school, USD 210 operates, continues to see growth in their graduation rate, as they have increased by 40% over the past 10 years.

Additionally, the USD 210's five year post-secondary effectiveness average has increased each of the past 5 years and now the district falls within their predicted range.

Student Success

Academically, USD 210 uses NWEA Map assessments as one way to identify student growth over the course of the year. In general, USD 210 students grow more from August to May than is expected due to nationally normed predictions. In 2020-2021, through the difficulties of the pandemic, Hugoton Elementary saw every grade level achieve higher than expected outcomes based on the MAP. Not only that, but they exceeded the National average. For 2022-2023, the district exceeded expected Fall – Spring growth in math by 20% with 63% of students meeting their individual growth goals. In reading, the district exceeded their predicted growth by 17% with 36% of students meeting their individual growth goal.

The district has continued to grow the number of CTE pathways available to students as well as increased the number of students participating in CTE courses taken at Seward County Community College. In addition, the district has invested in partnering within the community to grow their work-based learning program. Currently, nearly 40% of the class of 2024 is participating in either CTE coursework through SCCC or the work-based learning program.

IT Integration and our 1:1 Technology initiative (K-12):

Teachers in the district recognize using educational technology is a powerful tool and resource to increase student engagement. USD 210's 1:1 initiative is helping the district work towards the goal to better prepare students for college, career and/or the workforce. Students attending a four-year university no longer turn in assignments in hard copy form. Students today collaborate, create and turn in their work via special virtual classroom blogs and wikis. USD 210 students in the future will be ready to enter this digital learning world once they leave us. The district continues to develop a model for what IT integration looks like in classrooms. The input and expertise of the most technologically savvy teachers provide a large impact on how that model evolves. USD 210 has an open wi-fi system at HMS and HHS, but every student iPad is filtered on the wi-fi network they are logged into, whether at school or at home. The district is currently a 1:1 iPad to student ratio.

Board of Education Long Range Strategic Plan Goals

In the fall of 2016, the BOE met with USD 210 staff and community members in a series of meetings to begin creating a new vision for the district. With the guidance of KASB, the BOE was able to collect information from the community to help guide this new vision. The following strategic plan was created from the information gathered. As the district begins a new accreditation cycle, a new 5-7 year vision plan will be established by the Board of Education to help guide the district's direction moving forward.



USD 210 Strategic Success Plan



Mission: Hugoton Public Schools will engage students, staff, and community in a positive atmosphere where focused learning activities create successful, productive citizens.

1. Student Success

Purpose: To prepare students to find success post education, and become productive, contributing members of society.

- 1.1 Ensure an aligned, rigorous, viable, relevant curriculum.
- 1.2 100% of students will obtain a diploma or the equivalent.
- 1.3 Provide opportunities for students to hone life-skills and soft-skills.
- 1.4 Help students identify and explore career possibilities.
- 1.5 Ensure students who enter post-secondary learning will be successful.

2. Attract and Retain Excellent Staff

Purpose: An enthusiastic, educated, engaging staff will create the best learning environment in order to promote stability, progress, growth, and success for students.

- 2.1 Provide recognition for exceptional staff.
- 2.2 Establish salaries and benefits for ALL staff that are competitive.
- 2.3 Establish healthy building environments and cultures where staff want to remain.
- 2.4 Establish and promote positive BOE interactions with staff.
- 2.5 Provide opportunities for staff to grow professionally in both knowledge and skill.

3. Community Engagement

Purpose: In order to have a vibrant, progressive school system, we must develop partnerships,

- 3.1 Create opportunities for mentor/mentee relationships between students and community members.
- 3.2 Establish partnerships with local businesses to provide learning opportunities for students.
- 3.3 Provide opportunities for community members to be involved and engaged with the school district.

4. Facilities

Purpose: To establish and maintain facilities that: ensure a safe learning environment, promote student learning, and create a sense of pride in the community.

- 4.1 Establish long range Capital Outlay Plan that is communicated with staff and community.
- 4.2 Maintain and ensure the quality of current facilities.
- 4.3 Establish safe and secure facilities.

5. Cross-Cultural Competence

Purpose: To establish an environment where ALL students and parents are valued, involved, and supported.

- 5.1 Provide opportunities for students of all cultures and backgrounds to explore their heritage and the heritage of others.
- 5.2 Establish opportunities for all parents to be engaged in the learning process of their child, regardless of language or cultural background.
- 5.3 Communicate effectively and accurately with all patrons within the community.

Challenges:

Recruiting and retaining quality teachers continues to be a challenge facing the district. Over the past several years, USD 210 has experienced a higher-than-average turnover rate for a district its size. Hugoton Schools remains committed to hiring quality individuals who will make a positive educational impact on students. Due to the difficulty of recruiting teachers from the central and eastern parts of Kansas, USD 210 has expanded the areas it searches for teachers to include the surrounding states. USD 210 is a member of the Innovative Schools Council.

Student Language Challenges:

With a student population that nears 60% Hispanic, USD 210 continues to work to overcome language barriers when communicating with both students and parents. Whereas USD 210 values all students and recognizes the importance of parental relationships, the district continues to look for ways to overcome language barriers so that all students are successful in the educational system and beyond.

Facilities Challenges:

Although, USD 210 passed a bond issue in 2008 that made significant improvements to the Hugoton Middle School, the Early Childhood Development Center, and to parts of Hugoton High School, there are still significant facility needs that the district is working to address. Hugoton High School has an aging HVAC system that will require significant funds. The HVAC was installed in 1981 and is now nearing double the expected lifespan of similar systems. Roof repairs continue to be made, but the district cannot keep up with these repairs through Capital Outlay alone. In the summer of 2016, Hugoton Elementary underwent a \$4.29 million HVAC renovation to address their aging system. The elementary project included removing asbestos ceiling tiles from roughly 30% of the building. Hugoton Elementary is now a healthier environment for students to learn. Hugoton High School is beginning to show its age and needs HVAC replacement. Learning spaces need updated to align with modern instructional practices.

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17. Capital Improvements (4000)
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19. Miscellaneous Information – Transfers (5200)
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Note: FTE is the audited enrollment 9/20 and 2/20 (if applicable) and estimated for the budget year, which includes preschool-aged at-risk and virtual enrollment. Enrollment does not include non-funded preschool. Beginning 2017-18, full-day Kindergarten is 1.0 FTE. This information is used for calculating Amount Per Pupil for Sumexpen.xlsx and Budget At A Glance (BAG).

KSDE Website Information Available

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

https://datacentral.ksde.org/report_gen.aspx

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

School Finance Reports (Data Central) website below:

<https://datacentral.ksde.org/default.aspx>

- Assessed Valuation
- Cash Balances
- Headcount Enrollment
- Mill Levies
- Personnel (Certified/Non-Certified)
- Salary Reports

Kansas Building Report Card website below:

<http://ksreportcard.ksde.org/>

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

Accountability Reports website below:

<https://datacentral.ksde.org/accountability.aspx>

- Performance Accountability Reports
- Financial Accountability Reports
- Longitudinal Achievement Reports