

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The community shows great support for our schools. This was evident with the passage of a 2015 \$7.65 million-dollar bond that was used to add HVAC systems in both schools. The bond also included a new track, remodeled auditorium, parking lot at HCJSHS, and HCGS playground updates.

Local businesses and individuals also support both schools through numerous donations each year. Local businesses are more than happy to sponsor programs at HCGS, donate to various student organizations at HCJSHS, and also donate to special causes and fundraising.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The USD 281 Board of Education has supported a variety of initiatives including:

- Secured entry and access at all doors in both buildings
- Ongoing maintenance and keeping all buildings updated and safe
- Technology in the classrooms and in the hands of the students
- K-12 Curriculum adoptions
- Highly qualified teachers
- Improving culture and climate

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GRAHAM COUNTY USD 281



Strong Schools, Strong Communities

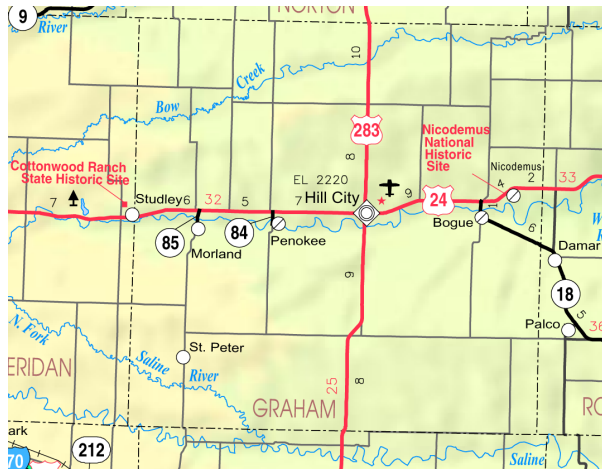


DISTRICT INFORMATION

Graham County-USD 281 serves approximately 382 students from Hill City, Bogue, Morland, Nicodemus, Damar, St. Peter, Penokee, and Lenora.

Our staff includes 1 superintendent, 2 building administrators, 2 counselors, 35 certified teachers, and 21 classified staff members. We are members of Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center and Smoky Hill Education Service Center.

USD 281 is a fully accredited district. The next accreditation cycle runs Fall 2022-Spring 2027. During this time we will conduct a needs assessment, establish goals, and work to continually improve various aspects of our district such as student achievement and climate and culture.



HILL CITY GRADE SCHOOL

Hill City Grade School hosts students in grades K-6; approximately 209 students are enrolled at HCGS. In addition, HCGS houses the Graham County Early Childhood Department which serves 33 pre-school students. Students enjoy a variety of regular classroom activities as well as music and PE every day.

Additional HCGS information:

- Small class sizes
- Active PTO
- 1:1 iPads for K-2nd students
- 1:1 laptops for 3rd-6th students
- Interactive panels in all classrooms
- Full time health aide
- Full time Counselor
- Full time Librarian Aide- book check-out throughout the day.
- Interaction between grade levels & schools on projects
- Civic engagement projects
- Title I – Trained in Dyslexia



The community of Unified School District #281 accepts the challenges of a changing world by preparing our students to be productive and responsible members of society.

HILL CITY JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Hill City Junior Senior High School has an enrollment of approximately 173 students in grades 7-12. In addition to core classes, we offer a range of electives: FACS, Art, Crafts, Band, Vocal Music, Agriculture, Technology, and Industrial Arts. We also offer six Career & Technical Education Pathways: Construction and Design; Family, Community, and Consumer Services; Web and Digital Communications; Power, Structural, and Technical Systems; Comprehensive Agricultural Science; and Teaching/Training.

Additional HCJSHS information:

- Small class sizes
- High graduation rate
- Active Booster Club
- 1:1 laptops for 7-12th students
- Interactive panels in all classrooms

In addition to academics, HCJSHS is a 2A high school offering a wide range of activities: cheerleading, cross country, volleyball, football, basketball, wrestling, track, golf, Scholar's Bowl, Science Olympiad, Student Council, FCCLA, KAY, FFA, Pep Club, and an annual school play.