2025-2026 USD Budget Profile



Olathe Public Schools USD #233

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2025-2026 Budget – General Information

USD #: 233

Introduction

The Board of Education extends a welcome to all who wish to comment on the published 2025-26 budgets for Unified School District # 233 (Olathe Public Schools). Individuals who wish to address the Board of Education will be asked to state their name and address as a matter of public record. Also, individuals addressing the Board of Education will be asked to respect the opportunity for all who wish to be heard by limiting their remarks to a reasonable time. Over the past six months, various budget presentations have been provided by the superintendent and staff. These presentations provided background information for the Board and public directly related to the budgets presented for consideration at this time.

The following document aligns with the Olathe Public School's *Annual Budget Document* for the fiscal year 2025-26. The development, review, and consideration of all State Budgeted Funds were completed with a detailed review of revenue and expenditure items within the context of the District's mission, goals, and financial commitments.

It is the District's responsibility to publish and disseminate budget information to the Board of Education and local community. We welcome the opportunity to present and discuss operational plans and related financial impact with all interested parties. Interaction among interested groups consistently leads to operational and educational improvements, which translates to increased opportunities for the students of Olathe Public Schools.

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Business and Financial Services

The District's Accomplishments and Challenges

Accomplishments:

Olathe Public Schools are known for innovative programs, excellence in teaching, technology rich classrooms and well-maintained buildings and grounds. With a strong reputation for educational excellence, community and parent support.

Award-Winning District

- 2025 Best Community for Music Education, as named by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation
- 2025 Kansas All Star High Schools as named by Apply Kansas Olathe East, Olathe North, Olathe Northwest and Olathe South high schools
- 2025 Challenge Award recipients from the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force — Ridgeview and Westview Elementary Schools
- Performing Arts School of Excellence as named by the Kansas State High School Activities Association — Olathe East High School
- No. 7 Best In-State Employer in Kansas, as named by Forbes Magazine (2024)

Staff Awards

- 2025 Outstanding Biology Teacher Awardee for the state of Kansas, as presented by the National Association of Biology Teachers — Robin Dennis, Olathe South High School
- School Nurse of the Year, as named by the Kansas School Nurse Organization Bev Vanderslice, Manchester Park Elementary School
- Magazine Award of Excellence in the National School Public Relations Association Publication and Digital Media Awards — Communications Department
- Marketing Award of Merit in the National School Public Relations Association Publication and Digital Media Awards — Communications Department
- Annual Report Award of Merit in the National School Public Relations Association Publication and Digital Media Awards — Communications Department
- Photography Honorable Mention in the National School Public Relations
 Association Publication and Digital Media Awards Communications Department
- Dr. George I. Sanchez Award from the National Education Association Dr. Marta Silva, Olathe North High School
- 2025 Elementary School Principal of the Year Area 1 winner announced by the Kansas Principals Association — Brandi Leggett, Central Elementary School
- 2025 Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year Area 1 winner announced by the Kansas Principals Association — Krista Dueringer, Chisholm Trail Middle School
- 2025 Science Teacher of the Year award presented by Kansas State University Emily Myers, Olathe West High School

- Finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in Kansas Sarah Evans, Olathe South High School
- Kansas Certificate in Child Nutrition Management from the Kansas State Department of Education — Margeryann Erckert, Food Services
- 2025 Kansas Master Teacher Andrew Taylor, Olathe Northwest High School
- "Get on the Bus" Outstanding Leadership Award from Real World Learning Dr. Sean DeMaree, Olathe South High School
- Certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards Kayla Rasmussen, Ravenwood Elementary; Meg Shadid, Olathe Northwest High School; Julia Wenzel-Huguley, Olathe North High School
- Elementary / Middle School Teacher of the Year from the Kansas Council of History Education — Winston Heilman, Prairie Trail Middle School
- Kansas Horizon Award from the Kansas State Department of Education Dr. Steve Murray, Olathe West High School
- Kansas Horizon Award from the Kansas State Department of Education Marie Jones, Scarborough Elementary School
- 2024 Liberty Bell Award from the Johnson County Bar Association Julie Fishburn, Instructional Resource Center
- Kansas School Psychologist of the Year as named by the Kansas Association of School Psychologists — Tyler Kitson, Fairview and Washington elementary schools
- 2024 Assistant Coach of the Year (throws category) as named by the Kansas Cross-Country and Track and Field Coaches Association — Lucas Yarnell, Olathe Northwest High School

Outstanding Students

- Kansas SkillsUSA champions Emily Echeverry, Wyatt Ellsworth, Matthew Jonas, Charlie Studier and Tucker Wright, Olathe Advanced Technical Center
- Kansas Speech and Drama Champions Piper Doyle and Calista Wanjiku of Olathe East High School; Connor Chaffin and Bridget Simmons of Olathe Northwest High School
- Kansas State Technology Student Association winners advancing to nationals seven first-place honors for Olathe West High School students; seven first-place honors for Olathe Northwest High School students; six first-place honors for Olathe East High School students
- Forty-four seniors named 2025 Kansas Career and Technical Education Scholars by the Kansas State Department of Education
- Eight Blue Ribbon Division winners, 22 gold ribbons for meeting "full accomplishment" criteria, eight silver ribbons, and 20 special awards at the Greater Kansas City Science and Engineering Fair — Distinguished Scholars Science and Geoscience academies at Olathe North High School
- State champions in the Kansas Future Business Leaders of America leadership conference — Lily Long, Anya Maheshwari (three championships), Beatriz Miranda and Malik Njuguna, Olathe South High School
- First place in the state on the National German Exam Neil Patrao, Olathe East High School
- Rudd Foundation Scholar with \$80,000 scholarship Kenyang Deng, Olathe North High School

- State officers for Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) president Mame Saye Drame, Eastern Region vice president Kriti Kumar, state treasurer Hrithik Rangnathan, all of Olathe North High School
- National Merit finalists Wesley Janssen, Olathe East High School; Micah Augustine, Connor Chaffin, Ava Evans, Eston Garcia, Eugenie Kim, Alexander Pannier, Braden Pickard, Elijah Tamano, Olathe Northwest High School; Cody Schwindt, Olathe South High School; Aidric Smith, Ethan Wolf, Olathe West High School
- National dance champions in large varsity team category and large varsity team performance category — Olathe Northwest High School Dance Team
- Gatorade Kansas Boys' Cross-Country Player of the Year Braxton Theel, Olathe West High School
- KC First Lego League regional champions and world qualifiers Golden Seals team from California Trail and Chisholm Trail middle schools
- One of only 2,267 students nationwide matched in the QuestBridge scholarship program — Isaiah Pagnozzi, Olathe West High School
- Kenneth Smith Award for golf Claire Sullivan, Olathe Northwest High School
- State champions in the Night at the Lab research-based competition —Arielle Li, Garret Li and Arshika Kanna, Olathe North High School
- First place honors at the Educators Rising regional conference Sam Cowick (Educators Rising Moment category); Khloe Lucky (Exploring Non-Core Teaching Careers JV); Halle Brus (Public Speaking); Hailey France (Lesson Planning and Design in the Humanities category)
- Second in the Teacher Recruitment category of Educators Rising national competition — Colt Hughey and Hailey France, Olathe East High School
- National semi-finalist in the Educators Rising national competition Abigail Vandaveer, Olathe East High School
- National Merit Semifinalists Wesley Janssen of Olathe East High School; Micah Augustine, Connor Chaffin, Ana Evans, Eston Garcia, Eugenie Kim, Alexander Pannier, Braden Pickard and Elijah Tamano of Olathe Northwest High School; Cody Schwindt of Olathe South High School; Aidric Smith and Ethan Wolf of Olathe West High School
- Walsworth Gallery of Excellence Award from Walsworth Yearbooks Olathe East and Olathe South high school yearbook staffs

Outstanding Athletes & Champions

Cross-Country

- Cross-country, boys Olathe West, Braxton Theel
- Cross-country, girls Olathe West team

Dance

- Dance Olathe Northwest (three national titles in Game Day, Team
- Performance and Grand National Champion)

Diving

Diving, girls — Olathe East, Irene Gettya

Gymnastics

Gymnastics — Olathe North team

Softball

• Softball — Olathe West team

Swimming

- Swimming, 100-meter backstroke (girls) Olathe South, Kira Jacobs
- Swimming, 200-meter medley relay (boys) Olathe East, Corbin Bradwell, Skylar Jones, Adam Hagan, Charlie Ross
- Swimming, 200-meter freestyle (girls) Olathe South, Kira Jocobs
- Swimming, 500-meter freestyle (boys) Olathe West, Hayden Renoux

Tennis

- Tennis, girls Olathe Northwest team
- Tennis, singles (girls) Olathe Northwest, Mithila Dixit
- Tennis, doubles (girls) Olathe Northwest, Riley Terhune and Hannah Carney
 Track & Field
 - Track & Field, boys Olathe West
 - Track & Field, 200-meter (boys) Olathe West, Tevyn Gasaway
 - Track & Field, 800-meter (boys) Olathe South, Dylan Plath
 - Track & Field, 4x100-meter Relay (boys) Olathe West: Brayden Johnson, Bryce Austin, Caden Richardson, Tevyn Gasaway
 - Track & Field, 4x800-meter Relay (boys) Olathe Northwest: Carson Madsen, Benjamin Herbst, Tyler Palangi, Dexter Favreau
 - Track & Field, Triple Jump (boys) Olathe North, Jaalan Watson
 - Track & Field, Discus (boys) Olathe South, Peter Mac Swaney
 - Track & Field, Javelin (boys) Olathe West, Cade Zimmerman
 - Track & Field, Shot Put (boys) Olathe South, Jeremy Gracia
 - Track & Field, 100-meter Hurdles (girls) Olathe Northwest, Michenainda Aritus
 - Track & Field, 4x800-meter Relay (girls) Olathe West: McKenna Taldo, Liz Browning, Laynie Clements, Jasmine Stiede
- Track & Field, Long Jump (girls) Olathe Northwest, Michenainda Aritus Wrestling
 - Wrestling, 165 lb. (boys) Olathe South, Jovani Caudill
 - Wrestling, 140 lb. (girls) Olathe North, Makenzie Sharp
 - Wrestling, 145 lb. (girls) Olathe East, Audrey Lennard
 - Wrestling, 170 lb. (girls) Olathe South, Justice Thomas

Challenges:

After decades of growth, we are experiencing a slow decline in students that is expected to continue for many years. Expenditures will need to be reduced in order to align with declining revenue. In order to gain efficiencies, lower expenditures and remain competitive in retaining and recruiting quality staff, the district will be analyzing every aspect of our budget, including potential consolidation/closure of schools.

Supplemental Information for the Following Tables

- 1. Summary of Total Expenditures by Function (All Funds)
- 2. Summary of General Fund Expenditures by Function
- 3. Summary of Supplemental General Fund Expenditures by Function
- 4. Summary of General and Supplemental General Fund Expenditures by Function
- 5. Summary of Special Education Fund by Function
- 6. Instruction Expenditures (1000)
- 7. Student Support Expenditures (2100)
- 8. Instructional Support Expenditures (2200)
- 9. General Administration Expenditures (2300)
- 10. School Administration Expenditures (2400)
- 11. Central Services Expenditures (2500)
- 12. Operations and Maintenance Expenditures (2600)
- 13. Transportation Expenditures (2700)
- 14. Other Support Services Expenditures (2900)
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- 16. Community Services Operations (3300)
- 17. Capital Improvements (4000)
- 18. Debt Services (5100)
- 19. Miscellaneous Information Transfers (5200)
- 20. Miscellaneous Information Unencumbered Cash Balance by Fund
- 21. Reserve Funds Unencumbered Cash Balance
- 22. Other Information Enrollment Information
- 23. Miscellaneous Information Mill Rates by Fund
- 24. Other Information Assessed Valuation and Bonded Indebtedness

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 2017-2018, full-day Kindergarten is 1.0 FTE. Beginning 2021-2022, three-year-old at-risk students were funded. 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.gov/report_gen.aspx

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

School Finance Reports (Data Central) website below:

https://datacentral.ksde.gov/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.gov/

- 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.gov/accountability.aspx

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