SUMNER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INTERLOCAL 619

WHAT IS INTERLOCAL 619?

Sumner County Educational Services, Interlocal 619 provides special education to five school districts within Sumner County: Argonia, USD 359; Belle Plaine, USD 357; Caldwell, USD 360, Oxford, USD 358; and South Haven, USD 509. Currently, approximately 360 students are identified as exceptional children (includes disabled, gifted and talented) who receive services through our Interlocal. A continuum of services is available through the Interlocal, ranging from home based to Special Day School setting. Services are available to children beginning at age three and for some students until they age out at 21 years.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

It has been and is the policy of the Interlocal Board of Directors to assure equal opportunity to qualified individuals regardless of their race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, or age, and to promote the full realization of equal employment opportunity for minorities and women. The Director shall function as the Equal Opportunity representative. All concerns should be reported to the Director. If satisfaction is not reached through the Director, all complaints may be taken directly to the Board of Directors.

This policy shall cover all aspects of the employment relationship including recruitment, hiring, assignment of duties, promotion, tenure, compensation, selection for training, and termination. This policy applies to all units and governs employment of all employees of Interlocal.

The Board of Directors has been committed to and reaffirms its support of the principle of equal employment opportunity.

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WHAT TYPE OF EXCEPTIONALITES IS SERVED?

Students with all exceptionalities are served; however, most of our students receive services in the following areas

* Developmental Delays
* Specific Learning Disabilities
* Speech or Language Impairments
* Emotional Disturbances
* Other Health Impairments
* Intellectual Disabilities
* Multiple Disabilities
* Gifted and Talented

HOW DOES 619 ASSURE EDUCATONAL NEEDS ARE MET?

All districts have General Education Intervention teams in place. The focus is on desiring supports for children who need additional assistance in order to be successful in the general education curriculum and environment.

Comprehensive evaluations are completed by team members who bring their expertise to the process. Collaboration is a strength for the Interlocal’s districts, with special educators and regular educators working together to meet the various needs of students.

THE DISTRICTS WE SERVE

**ARGONIA, USD 359\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**



Argonia, KS with a population of approximately 530 is 44 miles southwest of Wichita and 22 miles west of Wellington. The 2012-13 student enrollment was 175, serving approximately 42 special education students.

**Belle Plaine, USD 357\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Belle Plaine, KS with a population of approximately 1708 is 27 miles south of Wichita and 15 miles northeast of Wellington. Being the largest district 619 serves, student enrollment for the 2012-13 was 666, serving approximately 130 special education students.

**Caldwell, USD 360\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Caldwell, KS with a population of approximately 1280, located in Southwestern Sumner County, is about 27 miles southwest of Wellington and 62 miles southwest of Wichita. The 2012-2013 student enrollment was 239, serving approximately 48 special education students.

***Oxford, USD 358\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

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Oxford, KS with a population of approximately 1170 is located in Eastern Sumner County. Oxford is 13 miles East of Wellington and 10 miles West of Winfield. The 2012-2013 student enrollment was 386, serving approximately 80 special education students.

**South Haven, USD 509\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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South Haven, KS with a population of approximately 400, is 14 miles south of Wellington and 21 miles west of Arkansas City and is located in Southern Sumner County. The 2012-2013 student enrollment was 193, serving approximately 33 special education students.

SPECIAL DAY SCHOOL

**Crossroads Special Day School\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Crossroads is located in Wellington, KS. This Special Day School serves students who have behaviors that interfere with their education. The curriculum is individualized for each student according to his/her unique educational needs. The students receive individualized instructional arrangements employed with students as frequently as possible.