

## DISTRICT NUMBERS

Salina Public Schools (SPS) is the **12th** largest school district in Kansas.

- **6,793** K-12 Students
- **60.3%** Free and Reduced Lunch Eligible

Our schools include **1** Virtual 6-12 School, **8** Elementary Schools, **2** Middle Schools and **2** High Schools.

We have **1,900** employees.



## OUR 100+ PARTNERSHIPS

- Salina Area Chamber of Commerce
- Salina Arts and Humanities
- Salina Area Technical College
- KSU Salina
- Bethany College
- Central Kansas Mental Health
- CAPS
- Catholic Charities
- Central Kansas Foundation
- Salina Baseball Enterprises
- City of Salina
- Salina Net Generation
- Kansas Wesleyan University
- Credit Union of America
- Project Teacher
- Nex-Tech
- And More!

## BOND REFINANCE

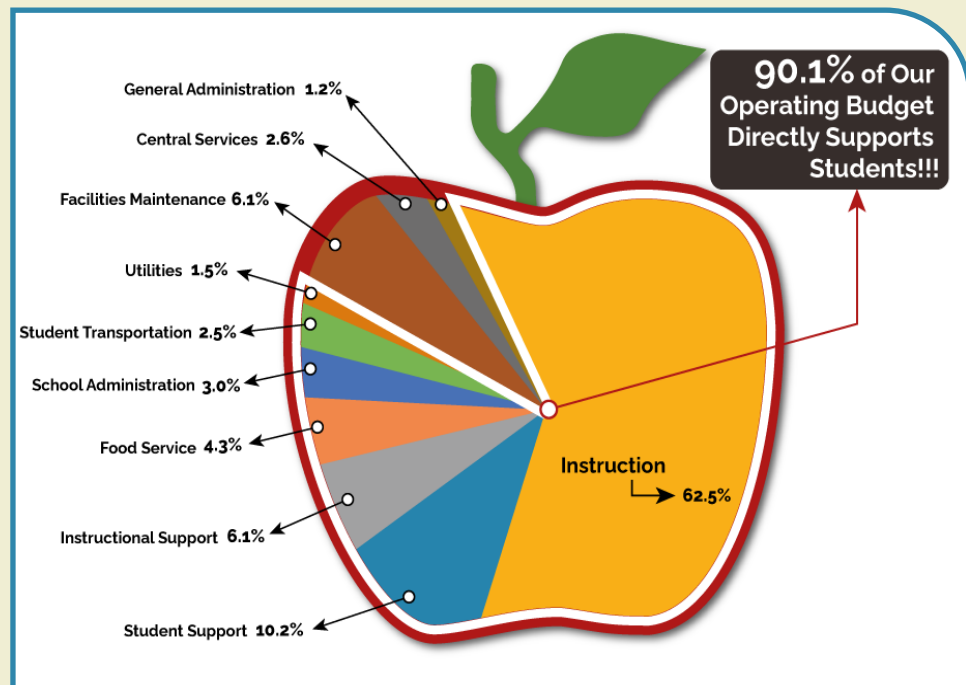
Bonds related to the 2014 bond election were refinanced in September 2023.

- \$4,044,164 savings to the district's taxpayers
- Early payoff of outstanding bonds (final payment in 2031)

## THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE)

The BOE meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the district office, 1511 Gypsum Ave. Board members include:

- Jim Fletcher, President
- Gabe Grant, Vice President
- Ann Zimmerman, Member
- Paul Gebhardt, Member
- Scott Gardner, Member
- Dana Kossow, Member
- Bonnie Schamberger, Member



## SCHOOL SAFETY A PRIORITY

- Four campus supervisors were hired, one located at every secondary school: Central High, South High, Lakewood Middle and South Middle schools.
- Existing playground fencing is being expanded at elementary schools to enclose entire playgrounds.

## POSTSECONDARY READINESS

- 77% increase in graduates with one or more industry recognized credentials (from 64 {2022} to 113 {2023}).
- 43% increase in CTE credits earned by high school students (from 1,636 in 2016-2017 to 2,918 in 2022-2023).
- 125 dual credit options for students to earn high school and college credit at the same time.
- Four seniors graduated with both a high school diploma and an associate degree from PolyCATS Academy at KSU Salina in 2023.
- Third Building Bridges event brought local industry and community representatives together with high school students and staff to improve CTE opportunities.
- Beginning with the class of 2028, 4.5 electives must be in a student's career cluster or pathway, as identified in the student's Individual Plan of Study.



## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- All SPS elementary schools participate in the School Marathon program.
- All seventh grade students attend the Salina Cultural Crawl.
- Tennis courts increased from four to eight at Jerry Ivey Park, due to a partnership between SPS and the City of Salina. The increased capacity has enabled South High School to host tennis competitions.
- Through a partnership between SPS and Saline County, e-learning courses from Conscious Discipline are offered to community members during school year 2023-2024.

## DISTRICT SPONSORED PROGRAMS

### Heartland Early Education/Head Start

This multi-county program serves children birth through age five and their parents, partnering with other social service agencies to provide support and opportunities. Funding sources include Parents as Teachers, Early Head Start/Head Start, Kansas Preschool Pilot and Preschool-Aged At-Risk.

### Central Kansas Cooperative in Education

CKCIE is a special education cooperative for 12 school districts providing special education support services to public schools.

### Salina Adult Education Center

This program provides adult basic education, English as a second language support, GED® preparation and testing as well as college skill building for individuals 16 or older and out of school. SAEC operates a diploma completion program for adults to meet requirements and earn a Central or South High School diploma. An intensive employment course called *Partners 4 Success* was developed by SAEC and is run in collaboration with Salina area agencies and employers.

## CONNECT WITH US

Follow us on social media to see how SPS is growing greatness every day or visit us on the district website, where you can sign up to receive our monthly email newsletter.  
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