

USD 444 Little River/ Windom

# Quality teaching is the goal with 12:1 student/staff ratio

USD 444 Little River-Windom is a rural district dedicated to preparing students with the thinking and reasoning skills they need to become functioning and responsible citizens in the 21st Century.

USD 444 serves approximately 335 students in Ellsworth, McPherson and Rice Counties. All students in kindergarten through fifth grade attend Windom Elementary School in Windom, Kansas. All students in sixth through twelfth grade attend Little River Junior/Senior High School in Little River, Kansas. A pre-school program is offered at the Learning Center in Little River.

**Windom Elementary**

The mascot at Windom Elementary School is the Tiger, which is fitting, as WES is a g-r-r-eat place for students to learn and grow. Smaller class sizes and additional support staff allow for a 12:1 student to staff ratio, which benefits student learning and instruction.

A priority at Windom Elementary School is preparing students for their future academically and socially. The character education program allows for a strong focus on traits such as integrity, caring for others, and responsibility,

which are then applied in the instructional setting. WES staff understands that the acquisition of such traits is an essential component in a child's future success.

The Windom Elementary School staff continues to support technology and learning through the iPad program as an additional instructional resource tool for students. Students in grades 2nd thru 5th each have an individual iPad for daily use while grades kindergarten and 1st have a classroom set of ten iPads. The iPads provide numerous opportunities for academically appropriate activities and active engagement. Additionally, WES classrooms are equipped with laptops, Promethean boards, and document cameras used everyday in student instruction.

In the effort to keep instruction current, the USD 444 Board of Education adopted and purchased teacher

recommended updated math curriculum and manipulative materials. PrK-12 teachers spent all last year exploring the math instructional material options to recommend to the Board of Education for district-wide adoption. This year elementary students benefited from the new instructional materials. PreK-12 science teachers are currently investigating science instructional materials to recommend to the USD 444 Board for purchase later this spring to be implemented in the 2016-2017 school year. These special efforts and purchases are part of the ongoing District focus to be sure students have a good educational foundation to build on when they leave Windom Elementary School.

**Little River Junior Senior High School**

Little River-Windom Schools are well known for providing a progressive, technology rich curriculum for all students. Little River High School was one of the first schools in Kansas to begin a one-to-one laptop program for students and that original program is still in place and still an integral part of learning at LRJSHS. In the fall of 2013 the district invested in new Mac Air laptops for all junior/senior high school students and began the iPad initiative at

Windom Elementary. In USD 444 technology is integrated into the learning environment to promote learning and understanding for all students.

Little River-Windom School District has a proud tradition of strong academic programs, strong extra-curricular activities and strong athletic teams at the junior/senior high school level. The current USD 444 Board of Education is dedicated to continuing the tradition of excellence at Little River Junior/Senior High School by promoting opportunities that will develop well-rounded students.

The curriculum at Little River Junior/Senior High is designed to allow each student to reach his or her goals, graduate, and become a successful, functioning member of society.

Little River has a successful fine arts program; Little River students participate in statewide art and music competitions as well as scholar's bowl competitions. Secondary student groups typically earn "1" ratings in music competition and often win individual student recognition in competitive adult visual art competition activities. Last year, a LRHS senior won a competition that placed his art work at the U.S. Capital Building in Washington D.C. as the single Kansas exhibit for this school year.

Little River Junior/Senior

High School offers a variety of athletic opportunities including football, volleyball, basketball, softball, baseball, and track. Junior High students participate in football, volleyball, basketball, and track activities.

With the closing of the USD 444 Virtual School, Little River High School continues to offer students an online educational option. The Redskins Online program provides flexibility in scheduling and makes it possible for students to avoid some scheduling conflicts. High school students may also enroll in college/university classes at their own expense. These post-secondary classes are completed either at LRHS or on site at the Hutchinson Career Technology Education Academy. Dual credit is given in such cases.

For more information about any of the programs in USD 444 please contact Mr. Jon Paden at Windom Elementary, Ms. Audrey Johnson at Little River Junior/Senior High School or Dr. Betty Summers at the USD 444 District office in Little River.



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Low Student-Teacher Ratio

Excellent Teaching Staff

Early Education

Extra Curricular Activities

Education Foundation

Redskins Online High School Course Options

## "EXCELLENCE THROUGH EDUCATION"

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