

# **Sublette, Kansas**

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Unified School District 374 includes most of Haskell County and a small portion of northern Seward County. The district comprises a geographic area of 355 square miles. Most of this area is some of the flattest land in the state. All of the schools in the district are located in the town of Sublette, Kansas. Sublette also serves as the county seat for Haskell County.

Sublette is a small town in Southwest Kansas with a population of 1400. Most of the town's businesses are related to the area's agriculture based economy. Sublette's population consists of primarily Caucasian and Hispanic citizens, with growing populations of German Mennonite.

The economy of the area relies heavily on agriculture-related business and industry. On the agriculture side, the most common crops include wheat, corn, and feed grains. Most of the croplands are irrigated from deep wells. Natural gas and oil production is another main segment of the economy of the area. The raising of cattle and the related beef processing industry round out the major contributors to the area's economy.

The schools and churches provide for most of the social activity for the citizens of the community. The major recreational facilities in the community consist of a municipal swimming pool, recreational center for the younger and older citizens, baseball fields, tennis courts, and the high school auditorium.

Unified School District 374 is a rural, small town district with a 2004-05 enrollment of 489 (FTE) students. The majority of the district's students are Caucasian with a growing Hispanic and German Mennonite population. The district has an assessed valuation of \$85,282,578 and operates on a 2004-05 budget of \$3,253,805.

The district's educational facilities consist of a high school building, located in the southwest part of town. The building includes classrooms, library, auditorium, cafeteria, vocational shops, art room, music room, basketball court and administrative offices. Located near the high school are the football field, track and tennis courts.

The middle school is located just south of the high school. It consists of four classrooms and a commons area. This is the newest building in the district. It was completed during the 1989-90 school year. An extensive building project, which includes additions and improvements to the elementary and high schools, is currently underway. The project is scheduled for completion for 2004-05 school year.

The elementary building is located in the south central part of Sublette. It consists of classrooms, library, cafeteria, small basketball court and administrative office.

The District is a member of the High Plains Special Education Coop. The Coop offers a complete range of special education programs and services for students within participating districts. The district is also a member of the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center, which has its administrative offices in Sublette. The service center also provides staff development activities and insurance support for educators of member districts.

## **Migrant Program Services**

The Migrant Program in Sublette serves less than 50 students. Through the Migrant Program the following services are provided for the Migrant students and their families:

- ESL pull-out class at the high school and middle school
- ESL pull-out for K-6 students
- Paraprofessional to assist teachers
- Recruiter
  - assists families with their needs
  - assists the school with home communications
- PAC to provide directions to Migrant Program