

THE EDUCATIONAL PLAN

This financing plan is written to be consistent with the laws of the State of Missouri, the regulations of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the policies, rules and regulations of the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District.

In order to carry out the philosophy of the school district, the following practices, procedures, and guidelines for operation have been included as an integral part of the total educational program of the school district.

A. SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION AND STATISTICS

1. Students will attend classes 174 days in grades 8-12 and 174 days in K-7. The length of contract for a classroom teacher is 185 days, while a new teacher is 189 days. (The 2009-10 school calendar appears in the Informational Section.)
2. The Early Childhood program offers services to 80 students. Students attend class for 2 days per week for 3 hours. This program provides a high quality educational experience that benefits students who will attend kindergarten the following year.
3. Elementary schools, K-4 have a basic self-contained classroom organization and kindergarten is offered as a full day program.
4. The 5-6 Intermediate Schools are organized on the departmentalized plan and operate on a flexible schedule.
5. The 7-8 Middle School operates on a team concept for the delivery of core curriculum, operating on a block scheduling system of 70 minutes of instruction time for each class. The core subjects of math, communication arts, and science meet daily, while all other classes meet every other day.
6. The Freshman Center operates on a team concept for the delivery of core curriculum, operating on a block scheduling system, 90 minutes of instructional time for each class every other day. So that the focus of learning will be directed to an educational foundation needed to prepare the students for high school, a limited number of electives will be offered.
7. The High School curriculum is organized on the departmental plan. Over 250 courses are offered at the Raymore-Peculiar High School.
8. A departmental chairperson is assigned in each subject area within the curriculum for grades 10 -12. The chairperson is responsible for leadership in curriculum and for some administrative detail, primarily budgeting and inventory control.

9. The district's extensive co-curricular program provides many opportunities for the physical, social, intellectual and emotional growth of students. These programs include music, athletics, speech/debate, dramatics, student government and many special interest clubs.
10. The district provides a comprehensive program for students with special needs. These programs include services for all students recognized as meeting the eligibility criteria for Developmentally Disabled, Emotionally Disturbed, Speech/Language Impaired, Physically Impaired, Partially Seeing, Blind, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind, Multi-disabled, Autism, Traumatic Brain Injury or Young Child with a developmental delay. Services also provided by the district include Parents As Teachers, Homebound services, Title I, II, IV programs, ELL services, Counselor services and At-Risk programs that include School Social Workers, Together We Can, after-school tutoring programs, mentoring, Love & Logic training sessions, and different social skills groups.
11. The district offers a comprehensive vocational educational program. The Summit Technology Center and Cass Career Center provide a wide range of offerings for various trades and industry skills. Included in this program is an extensive post-secondary and adult education program.
12. Each school in the district provides programs, which supplement the described educational program. Included are health services, learning resource centers and field trips, which are primarily funded by district revenue and PTA contributions.
13. The district provides an alternative educational program for non-traditional students with behavior, environment or social disabilities. The Alternative Academy is located in the district's high school building and provides flexible attendance hours for those students who wish to complete their high school education in an alternative setting.

B. SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES

Included in the budget are funds to operate a hot lunch program for all of the schools. Food is prepared at each elementary school and intermediate school, the middle school, the freshman center and the high school. A breakfast program is provided at each building.

C. TRANSPORTATION

Bus service is contracted through Apple Bus Company to provide safe, efficient and economical transportation for students to and from school and to provide transportation for co-curricular activities.

D. HEALTH SERVICES

A school nurse is assigned to each building to assist in addressing any emergency and health needs of the students.

E. BUDGET

1. Included in the budget are funds for in-service education programs for certified employees.
2. This budget is based upon an estimated weighted average daily attendance for 09-10 of 5,602 in grades K-12.
3. The schools within the district are as follows:
 - a. Raymore-Peculiar High School
 - b. Raymore-Peculiar Freshman Center
 - c. Raymore-Peculiar Middle School
 - d. Bridle Ridge Intermediate School
 - e. Eagle Glen Intermediate School
 - f. Creekmoor Elementary
 - g. Peculiar Elementary
 - h. Raymore Elementary
 - i. Shull Elementary
 - j. Stonegate Elementary
 - k. Timber Creek Elementary
4. This budget provides the funds to hire the teaching staff and support staff necessary to maintain class sizes across the district to within at least state minimum standards. The total number of full and part-time employees funded in this year's budget is 833.

490	teachers, administrators, counselors, Library Media specialists
58	secretaries, media assistants and additional support staff
15	nurses
41	paraprofessionals
26	teacher assistants/parent educators
90	custodians and maintenance personnel (full and part-time)
84	food service/lunchroom monitors (full and part-time)
7	Panther Cub Academy
5	Security and Safety
6	Technology
3	Accompanists
<u>8</u>	Extra duty only
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