

# INTRODUCTION

This updated school profile is the product of the Central Heights School Improvement Team. The purpose of the profile is to gather data necessary for setting school improvement goals, and to assist the staff in assessing student progress.

This profile reflects data pertinent to the current Cycle IV Accreditation process, and should be used in conjunction with the Cycle I, Cycle II, and Cycle III school profile. The Cycle I, Cycle II, and Cycle III profile is maintained as a "Historical Document."

The Central Heights School system had its beginning in the early 1960's when the Lane, Richmond, Rantoul, and Princeton School Boards conceived a plan to consolidate the four high schools. This plan was approved by patrons, and during the years between 1961 and 1965, those high schools became Consolidated Joint District 10. When the unification of Kansas schools began in 1965, the Boards of Education again presented a plan to the patrons to unify the elementary schools as well as the secondary schools. This plan was approved, and the district became Unified School District #288. In September of 1965, the students of the high school chose the school name of Central Heights, the school colors of Columbia blue and gold, and the Viking mascot. A bond issue was approved to build a school complex in October of 1965. The school was built on 40 acres of land purchased at a location that was geographically central to the four towns.

The original brick building of 81,000 sq. ft. was basically three circular structures connected by corridors. The district has always strived to stay abreast with progress by upgrading the district facilities. Additions have been made that include a maintenance building in 1971, a vo-ag building in 1974, elementary classrooms in 1978, a weight room and locker facilities in 1989, and in 1990 a second gym, locker rooms, and seven classrooms. In 1994 there was an addition which included six elementary classrooms and a school cafeteria. A football stadium was erected in 1995, with a concession stand and storage area added in 1996.

In April, 2002 Central Heights' patrons approved a \$3,995,000.00 bond issue. Seven new elementary classrooms, a library, and multipurpose room were added, and the high school library was expanded. The middle school was separated from the high school. A bus barn was constructed behind the school. A new football stadium, track, baseball and softball fields, and concession stand was erected across from the school.

The Central Heights School District encompasses an area of 145 sq. miles in Franklin County and has a property value of approximately \$12,860,141. The area is primarily agricultural, with a growing number of households where a parent or parents reside here, but work out of district.

The school, which is entirely housed at one complex, is organized as Elementary (K-5), Middle School (6-8), and Senior High (9-12). During the 1993-94 school year the Middle School and Senior High was declared to be a secondary school.

Central Heights High School offers a program of learning to students that include a wide range of academic, practical and vocational offerings. In addition to required classes, students may choose to enroll in introductory and advanced classes that include: accounting, computers, interior design, woods, chemistry, Spanish, trigonometry, biology, as well as economics and other academic classes. Driver Education is offered during the summer. Classes are also available through the Interactive Distance Learning facilities, which were completed January 1, 1998. Courses offered also include college credit classes. Remedial math and reading are also available to secondary school students who require help. The district is a member of the East Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative, which offers programs to students with special needs. Programs offered include:

Learning Disabilities	Behavioral Disorders	Gifted Education
Occupational Therapy	Speech and Language	

The Agriculture Education Department at Central Heights offers an extensive curriculum which includes Animal Science, Horticulture, Agribusiness, Agri-Science, Agricultural Mechanics, Power Mechanics, Agriculture Explorations, and Agricultural Welding. In addition to this curriculum, students also have the opportunity of membership in the Central Heights FFA Chapter.

FCCCLA membership is available through the vocational Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Program.

Extracurricular activities are a meaningful part of enriching a Central Heights education. Students may participate in:

Art Club	Drama	Key Club	Scholar Bowl
Band	FBLA	Letter Persons Club	Spanish Club

Biology Club	FCCLA	Spirit Club	Student Council
CHS Fellowship	FFA	National Honor Society	Swing Group Choir
Cheerleading	Forensics	Robotics	S.A.D.D.
Dance Team	Debate		Yearbook

Central Heights has competed in the Pioneer League for one year. The league has six member schools and offers competition in baseball, girls and boys basketball, cross country, football, golf, softball, girls and boys track, volleyball, and wrestling. The Pioneer League also has activities in debate, forensics, math, scholar bowl, and vocal and instrumental clinics. Our middle school participates in the Middle School Pioneer League which has similar offerings.