



Executive Summary

To ensure we coordinate and align all resources and actions with our Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Student Goals, our work at Auburn-Washburn is guided by a five-year strategic plan, **Strategic Plan 2026**. Developed with feedback and input from hundreds of Auburn-Washburn stakeholders, the plan allows us to continue "inspiring, challenging, and preparing every child, every day."

Students are the heart of every decision we make at Auburn-Washburn. The first two strategic plan goals are student-centered — to improve the academic performance of each student and to develop "Portrait of a Learner" attributes with each student. We made great progress toward these goals in 2022-23 by:

- Prioritizing curriculum initiatives to provide authentic, meaningful, and impactful student learning experiences that are aligned with district and state standards;
- Promoting technology integration to support learning, innovative design, computational thinking, and creative communication;
- Ensuring a comprehensive learning program that is individualized to prepare each student with the skills and confidence to pursue the following after high school graduation: post-secondary education, career and technical education credentialing, workforce, or military.
- Seeking feedback from students about a Portrait of a Learner acronym for attributes, spelling BLUES.

Student achievement results may be viewed at: datacentral.ksde.org/acct_rept.

In addition to student-centered goals, the following areas were identified as District Opportunities: Birth to Age 5; Social-Emotional Needs; Instruction and Programming; Career and Technical Education; and School Capacity and Configuration. These opportunities were the primary reason the Board of Education voted unanimously to hold a bond election. Due to tremendous support from our school community, on April 12, 2022, the bond election passed with 61% voter support, allowing Auburn-Washburn to engage in \$145 million in capital improvements.

Here is a brief summary with renderings of bond projects that moved through design development and into construction during the 2022-23 school year. Each bond project is being approached with the following in mind: Innovation. Opportunity. Excellence.



Washburn Rural High School

An Innovation Center to support career and technical education and business partnerships, renovations to numerous classrooms and spaces, and additional space for student activities.



Middle School #2

When Middle School #2 opens in the 2025-26 school year, 6th grade students will transition to middle school. There will then be two middle schools serving 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

Washburn Rural Middle School

Many updates and upgrades will take place during summers 2023, 2024, and 2025. For summer 2023, 24 classrooms are being completely remodeled (carpet, paint, operable walls, furniture, LED lights with dimmers, ceilings, and solar tubes for natural light).



Pauline Central

A six-room early childhood center, parents as teachers community support room, and significant building upgrades.

POINTS of Pride

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6A State Champions – Washburn Rural High School



- 4-Speaker Debate (7th consecutive year) - Kavi Chidambaranathan, Evander Davis, Karissa Kromminga, Aditi Nimishakavi
- Volleyball Team
- Girls Wrestling Team
- Boys Wrestling Individual Champions Easton Broxterman and Landen Kocher-Munoz
- Boys Bowling Team

Player of the Year

Brooklyn DeLeye

Two-Time Gatorade Kansas Volleyball Player of the Year
Washburn Rural High School

Niche Award

Auburn-Washburn ranked Niche #1 in district in Shawnee County and #5 in Kansas



Spelling

Shawnee County Spelling Bee Champion
Preetam Anaparathi
Jay Shideler Elementary School

Staff

Kansas Safe Driver Competition sponsored by Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association (KSPTA)

First Place Team – Anna Cooper, Stephanie Bell, Frank Kent
First Place Mini Rookie – Brian Inloes



Kansas Speech Communication Association Educator of the Year

Tim Ellis
Communications Teacher & Debate Coach
Washburn Rural High School



Kansas Art Education Association Outstanding High School Art Educator of the Year

Theresa Shetler
Art Teacher
Washburn Rural High School



National History Day

A record nine Washburn Rural Middle School students qualified to compete at National History Day.

- Kael Harman
- Levi Hoskinson
- Jadyan Barnett
- Lucy Hundley
- Paxton Poe
- Jack Savenko
- Emma Smith
- Sophia Miller
- Ella Conran



National Merit Scholars

Finalists (top 1% in nation)



Evander Davis Abhinav Velagandula

Commended Scholars (top 5% in nation)



Makayla Lebruska

Denym Ogunnowo – African American Program Scholar

Art - Washburn Rural High School

National Scholastic Art Show Gold Medal - Kaya Hamilton



Washburn Rural High School Students earned 13 Gold Key Scholastic Art Awards

- Allyson Cummings (2)
- Maddison Easley
- Ash Fields
- Kaya Hamilton
- Syd Laster
- Aytumn Sanchez
- Lee Wolgast (6) ★