

Marion-Florence USD 408

District & Community Information

Marion-Florence USD 408 is a 3A rural school district covering 237 square miles. The district is situated on the west edge of the Flint Hills. It includes the towns of Marion and Florence, Marion County Lake, and the Marion Reservoir.

In recent years, USD 408 has experienced the decline in student enrollment plaguing most Kansas schools. There are approximately 500 students in grades K-12 currently attending school in USD 408. Butler County Community College offers a wide variety of classes to residents of the district and Marion County.

Marion is located approximately 60 miles northeast of Wichita, and serves as the seat of Marion County. The district has a hospital, two doctors, one dentist, and three chiropractors. Two quality nursing homes serve the Marion and Florence areas.

Educational Facilities and Programs

Marion-Florence USD 408 has approximately 500 students who are educated in three buildings at two sites. Marion Elementary School houses grades K-5, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students attend Marion Middle School and grades 9-12 attend Marion High School. All facilities are located in Marion.

The district offers a comprehensive academic program. Forty-three certified educators are employed in the district. Included are a District School Improvement/Curriculum Coordinator and a District Technology Coordinator.

USD 408 is a member of two interlocal cooperatives and one educational service center. The Marion County Special Education Cooperative (MCSEC) serves the five school districts located in Marion County. In addition, the district is a member of the Technology Excellence in Education Network (TEEN). This is a two-way interactive video network with classroom studios in five school districts in Marion and Dickinson counties. USD 408 is one of 30+ member school districts of the Educational Services and Staff Development Association of Central Kansas (ESSDACK). This organization provides the district with support in the areas of staff development, environmental compliance, insurance and other cooperative ventures.

School Improvement

USD 408 maintains a focus on the continuous improvement of student performance. In addition to a District School Improvement Team, each building has a Building Improvement Team. These teams are composed of parents, community members, staff members, teachers and administrators.

The purpose of these teams is to provide input to the district in areas that will improve the quality of education in USD 408. As part of the process of school improvement the district developed the following *Belief Statement* and *Mission Statement* which are revisited annually as part of an overall strategic planning initiative.

Belief Statement

We Believe:

- ⇒ All children have the right to be cherished, encouraged, protected and challenged
- ⇒ In the power of community in our lives
- ⇒ The higher the expectation, the greater the effort, the more substantial the yield
- ⇒ Each person has the right to a safe and secure environment
- ⇒ We never stop learning
- ⇒ Each person is accountable for his/her responsibilities and actions

Mission Statement

The educational mission of the Marion/Florence community is to excite and empower life-long learners to be responsible, successful members in the home, workplace and society by providing each individual an encouraging, challenging and progressive environment that uses all the resources of the ever-changing community.



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