

supplement to the city's recreational facilities. It includes a gymnasium two indoor swimming pools, hot tub, sauna, wellness center, youth game room, locker rooms, racquetball courts, aerobics studio, program room, spinning room, free weight room, toddler's time room and lobby area.

The McPherson Family YMCA and McPherson Recreation Commission both offer recreation programs. The two are coordinated so that there is no unnecessary duplication of programs. Together they offer a wide variety of recreational opportunities for both sexes and all age groups. McPherson Recreation Commission was created in 1946 and the tax base funding started in 1948. In 1988, the McPherson Recreation Commission went from a City based recreation commission to a joint City-USD recreation commission with funding coming from the USD 418 tax base.

The McPherson Recreation Commission manages and improves the following city owned areas:

Wall Park (East Side) is comprised of three lit softball fields, one lit baseball field; coin operated batting cages, concession/restroom facility. There is a playground in the middle of the diamonds that is maintained by the Park Department.

Rolf Park has one unlit softball field with a restroom/shop building.

Grant Complex was completed in 1999. This phase of the complex included a large unlit multi-purpose area that is equal to six full size soccer fields and gets used for smaller size soccer and football fields, two full size lit baseball fields and two full size lit softball fields, restroom/concession facility and maintenance shop. A playground was added in 2007. A 40' x 80' shop addition was added in 2011. The baseball fields were changed to grass infields in 2012. In 2013, two unlit t-ball fields were constructed on the east side of Grant with a playground area; along with an unlit multi-purpose field that can be used for soccer and/or flag football. An additional restroom facility was added just south of the west side playground area.

Future Plans:

Lights and fence for the multi-purpose field; put shade structures on t-ball fields.

When Grimes Street goes through, add parking near t-ball fields.

Replace scoreboards on the two baseball and two softball fields.

**Other nearby facilities:**

There are five "regional parks" located within an hour's drive of the city. They are Kanopolis Reservoir, Marion Reservoir, Cheney Reservoir, Maxwell Wildlife Refuge (including the McPherson State Fishing Lake), and McPherson Valley Wetlands. These facilities offer opportunities for boating, water skiing, hunting, fishing, camping, picnicking and other recreational pursuits associated with lakes and natural areas.

There are three golf courses in the McPherson area. A nine-hole grass green golf course is located about six miles north of the city at the McPherson Country Club and is available for use only by members and guests. Located to the east of the country club is Rolling Acres Golf Course which is a nine-hole, grass green course which is open for public fee golfing. **Turkey**

**Creek Golf Course** is a new 18-hole grass green golf course located southwest of Avenue A and Maxwell Streets and is owned by the City of McPherson. This course is open to the public for a fee. Notably, this golf course developed a cooperative agreement with the city, prior to its becoming publically owned, for the use of treated discharge water from the city's wastewater treatment facility. This water is used both to keep the course's many ponds filled and as a source for irrigation water.

The current complex of parks should satisfy most of the community's overall recreation needs during the planning period. However, the development of additional neighborhood parks to serve certain residential areas also is needed or will probably be needed during the Planning Period. Such facilities are already needed in the southwest part of the city. The need in this area could possibly be met through the proposed development of a portion of the Wheatland Baptist Church property.

An area which is rapidly developing residentially and will probably require a neighborhood park in the near future is in the north part of town, north of Northview Road and east of Main Street. This area is projected for near-term residential development which will also include facilities for floodwater detention which may be integrated with a pocket park. Sycamore Trails Park, presently undeveloped and located in the southern part of town, could also be developed as a neighborhood park.

**Community Gardens and Locally Grown Food Sources:** - Jim Boyer, Master Gardener program – Jonie James, County Extension Agent

Of growing interest within the city and the surrounding area are sites provided for citizens to grow their own garden produce or obtain locally grown foods. Locally grown produce is undoubtedly fresher, usually tastier, and, if properly grown, can be safer than food grown elsewhere and shipped in. However, knowledge of how to grow, harvest, prepare, and preserve food is not as universally known as it used to be.

McPherson has an advantage here in that a significant percentage of the population has at least a degree of farming background and a strong Future Farmers of America (FFA) program exists in our school district to teach these skills to our youth. Additionally local organizations such as the McPherson County Extension Office and the Master Gardeners and Friends exist as valuable resources available to the public.

As a consequence, many locals traditionally reserve all or a part of their home site as garden space. Most homes will also have one or more sites set aside for floral decorations. Several "community gardens" currently exist within the city and are available for food and floral production either for the public at large or for a specific clientele. These include:

- Countryside Gardens, a faith-based outreach of the Countryside Covenant Church, which currently provides 47 irrigated garden plots with plans to expand to 100 plus an orchard of peach, apple, pecan trees, and berry bushes. This organization is also working with K-State and the McPherson County Extension Office in producing newer and better vegetable plants.  
– Gary Mehl

- McPherson College gardens
- The Cedars gardens
- Presbyterian Church gardens is a faith-based outreach of the First Presbyterian Church. A designated “gardener” and the deacons of the church grow the produce and then share what they have grown with others in the community and the church body. – Donnata Perry

Several itinerant vendors frequently set up shop in locations throughout the city to sell regionally grown produce. Most of these vendors have traditional spots where the populace knows to watch for them and are quite successful. A vibrant Farmer’s Market also exists although a larger building and better advertising would be very helpful.

### **Open Space Land:**

There is some land in both the urban and rural parts of the McPherson Planning Area which should not be developed, but instead left in its natural state as open space. The preservation of such land serves multiple purposes related both to land use development and recreation. It can give form and character to land use patterns, and in many cases, can serve as a buffer between different land use types. It can also provide a refreshing visual relief from consistent urban development or continuous cropland. Such areas may also prove useful as community gardens or natural wildflower preserves.

In the McPherson Planning Area, the major avenues for open space preservation are the natural creeks and drainage ways, especially Bull Creek and Dry Turkey Creek. In addition to providing the open space benefits described, the prohibition of development along these creeks and their floodplains could also serve the purpose of minimizing potential flooding effects and provide a natural habitat for wildlife. Use of these floodplain areas for agriculture, either commercial or for community type gardens would also make use of the land without damaging its flood carrying capacity. Minor cultivation of the ground would also help to minimize rampant tree growth which frequently tends to choke a stream’s carrying capacity.

It cannot be assumed that “open space” will always remain open. Some formalized efforts over the years may be needed to ensure that significant areas remain in their natural or at least relatively undeveloped state. Methods which could be explored are floodplain zoning, purchase of development rights, major drainage easements, private restrictive covenants, public dedication, and actual land purchase.

### **Health and Care Facilities . . .**

#### **McPherson Hospital:** - Stan Regehr

McPherson Hospital is located at 1000 North Hospital Drive in the northwest part of the city. It was completed and opened in 1972, and is connected to the north end of the old McPherson County Hospital which had been built in 1921. In 1963, a geriatrics wing was added

to the west. These older facilities now serve as an annex to the main hospital and provide various health related services.

Health care needs provided by McPherson Hospital include: emergency room, inpatient/outpatient services, laboratory, home health care, occupational and physical therapy, general surgery, intensive care, birthing rooms, mammography, C.T. scanning, and a fitness center. McPherson Hospital is licensed for 70 beds with an average daily census of 21.6.

Currently in the City of McPherson, there are 13 Physicians, 6 Dentists, approximately 75 R.N.s, and approximately 25 L.P.N.s. Several specialists are also available locally on a visiting basis. Regional services that are available include hospital acute care, hospital intensive care, 24-hour emergency room and general surgery, home health care, and out-patient clinics.

**Ambulance Service:** - John Schmalzried

Ambulance service is provided and managed by McPherson Hospital and funded by the city, user fees, and minor assistance from the county. It is a city service with a designated extra-city service area. However, when called upon, the service is extended county-wide. In the calendar year 2014, this service responded to 2,302 requests for assistance. Over 800 of those were trauma accidents. This is a 40% increase over the past 20 years. Full time staffing includes 11 paramedics and 7 EMT/AEMT's. McPherson EMS also has a strong reserve program featuring community members that work on a part time basis. There are presently four ambulances which are housed in the Emergency Medical Services building. This structure, constructed in 1992, is on the hospital campus and is located at 315 West 4<sup>th</sup> street. Dispatching for the service is provided by the County-wide Emergency 911 system with the dispatcher located in the McPherson Law Enforcement Center. A rotating purchase system has been put into effect with the goal to purchase a new ambulance every fourth year, with the newest one delivered in the fall of 2015. McPherson EMS also provides acute care and intensive care transfers from hospital to hospital, emergency care at community events, hundreds of hours of injury prevention education, a car seat inspection station and CPR training to the public.

**County Health Department:** – Fern Hess, R.N., B.S.N.

The McPherson County Health Department occupies a free-standing two-story building at 1001 North Main Street. The present location was remodeled in 1992, from an office/apartment building, to accommodate the Health Department. The main business entrance to the building faces the South.

The Agency occupies the entire building which is used for the delivery of client services, administrative support and storage of records and documents. The first and second stories of the building are compatible with ADA standards.

This facility includes a reception/lobby seating area, exam rooms, procedure rooms, office space, an employee kitchen/break room and a conference/class room. Ten full-time employees use the facilities to deliver services Monday through Friday on a year-round basis.

Angled street parking in front of the South entrance to the Health Department is designated for clients receiving services. Paved employee parking is to the West of the building and is accessed through the alley. A new parking lot is now in place providing additional paved parking for clients and employees to the North of the current building using Main Street and the alley for access.

**Prairie View, Inc.:**— Sara Lyon

Prairie View, Inc. is accredited by The Joint Commission and licensed by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. Prairie View serves as the Community Mental Health Center for McPherson County.

Located at 1102 Hospital Drive in McPherson, our highly qualified staff treat a complete range of behavioral and mental health issues including depression, anxiety, stress, anger, dementia, sexuality related issues, grief, cognitive disorders, alcohol and substance abuse issues, family and marriage issues, and more.

Our main campus is in Newton, where hospital services for adults and older adults, a residential treatment facility for adolescents, an inpatient/residential Addictions Treatment Center, partial hospitalization services, special purpose school, adventure course, community support programs and outpatient services are also available.

Prairie View is a faith-based mental health organization that was founded by Mennonites in 1954. It is the state's longest-serving, non-profit behavioral and mental health center.

**McPherson Healthcare Foundation:**— Chad Clark, Director

The McPherson Healthcare Foundation was chartered in September of 1988 and since its inception has contributed over \$8 million to healthcare programs and projects for citizens in McPherson County. The primary purpose for this organization is to secure, manage and allocate funds for the enhancement of healthcare facilities and the development/implementation of programs and projects designed for better healthcare services. The Board of Directors is made of 15 community members and is assigned the duty of fiduciary responsibility to donors of this organization and devises policy for the operation of MHF. An example of the types of projects undertaken is the funding for placement of Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) in all county first responder vehicles.

**Multi Community Diversified Services:** - Larry Elmquist & Barry Adamson

For over twenty-three years, Multi Community Diversified Services (MCDS) has assisted people with disabilities, and their families, to live and work in the community. MCDS corporate office is located at 901 North Main Street. Its mission is to "enable people with disabilities who choose to receive services from the company to achieve their optimum level of vocational, social, and living arrangement outcomes with the maximum level of independence and dignity."

As the designated Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO), MCDS operates six residential and several vocational programs throughout the area. It also assists people on their jobs and in their homes.

MCDS operates the Cartridge King dealership at 2109 Industrial Drive in McPherson. Cartridge King remanufactures toner cartridges for laser printer and fax machines, and is a retail office supply store offering products manufactured around the country by people with disabilities.

Future plans include expansion of vocational services to include Federal Government contracts procured on a set-aside basis through the Javits, Wagner, O'Day program, and operating competitive community businesses utilizing a work force integrated with people with disabilities.

**Disability Supports of the Great Plains, Inc.:** - Rick Staab, President/CEO

Located at 501 E. Northview Road, this organization provides care services for disabled, handicapped, and disadvantaged people.

**Adult Care Homes . . .**

There are currently three facilities in the City of McPherson designed for the care of the elderly. Licensed as, and technically called, adult care homes, these facilities normally provide housing and medical care to persons 65 years of age or older. A common standard for a community is to have a total of 80 beds per 1,000 in population who are 65 years of age or older. Using the estimated elderly population of 1,785 for the year 2010, 143 beds would need to be provided. Note from the information given below that there are currently 232 beds provided so that McPherson appears to be adequately provided with nursing home facilities for the period of this plan. Currently the existing facilities provide the following services:

**The Cedars, Inc.:** The forerunner of the Cedars was organized in 1891, and started providing resident services in 1893. The Church of the Brethren Care Association moved to 1111 East Kansas Avenue in McPherson in 1953 from the Darlow community in Reno County. It was renamed The Cedars, Inc. and established as a continuing care retirement community. The levels of care range from independent living, to assisted living to health care with a full nursing staff. The Cedars Healthcare Center, built in 1987, located at 1021 Cedars Drive, is a licensed nursing care facility providing 102 beds. The Cedars Courts, located at 1071 Darlow Drive, is licensed as Assisted Living and provides 60 beds. In addition, 113 Independent Living Homes are provided. All three levels of care are located on the 60 acre campus at Maxwell and First Street. Plans for the future include consideration of a 24 unit congregate living complex. – Carma Wall, CEO

**McPherson Health & Rehabilitation:** This facility was constructed in 1970 at 1601 North Main Street. This facility is licensed as a skilled level, Medicare certified facility and has a 72-bed availability. There are no immediate plans for expansion.

Brookdale McPherson: Previously known as Sterling House this facility was constructed in 1994 at 1460 North Main Street. This is a licensed personal care facility providing 40 beds. No expansion plans are being discussed at this time.

Bluestem PACE (Chris Scott) Located at 113 S. Ash Street, Bluestem is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving quality of life and providing education and personalized care with Christian compassion. Our goal is to help seniors remain safely in their homes / communities for their entire lives. Services provided are: Primary and specialist medical care, transportation, meals on-site, in-home services, medical and home care service coordination, physical, occupational, and speech therapies, dental, vision and hearing serviced, medical equipment and supplies, and many more. The facility at this location is currently being remodeled to be the newest member of the Bluestem community.

McPherson College Walk-In Clinic: (Linda Barrett) Located at Harter Hall, room 106 (on vacated Simpson Street). This facility is open to the public and drop ins are welcome, however patients with appointments and the McPherson College community receive priority. This facility is a partnership between McPherson College and Partners in Family Care from Moundridge.

**K-State Research and Extension Service, McPherson County . . . . -** Jonie James, Agriculture/Natural Resources, Jana McKinney, Family & Consumer Sciences, & Lindsay Friesen, 4H Youth Department

The K-State Research and Extension Service, McPherson County, located at 600 West Woodside, is a three-way governmental partnership involving local, state, and federal government funds. The Cooperative Extension Service was created in 1914 by the Smith-Lever Act. The 4-H portion of the program can be traced back to as early as 1905 to the girls' Tomato Clubs and the boys' Corn Clubs.

The current McPherson County Extension Office was built in 1983. The facility provides 50 paved parking spaces for clients at the Extension Office and large gravel parking lots on the east and west sides of the 4-H Building. McPherson County currently has three agents located at the facility whose purpose is to provide research backed information in an informal way to the general public as a part of the "Knowledge for Life" program. These agents serve in the following disciplines: 4-H and Youth, Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Economic/Community Development. All space in the Extension Office is currently in use. Additional space would be needed if additional programming disciplines are added.

Located in the same block as the Extension Office is the 4-H Building which was constructed in 1952. A major renovation of the 4-H Building was conducted in the 1980s to make the building more energy efficient. This building is available to the general public by scheduling through the Extension Office. The 4-H program itself is a non-discriminative program open to all boys and girls ages seven to 19 years of age, including a "Tag Along" program for those youth not yet seven years old. It is a family-oriented organization offering more than 50 project areas to assist youth in learning experiences.

Also located on the same block are the 4-H Fairgrounds and Horse Arena. This currently consists of four pole barns, a concrete stock building, and a Quonset building. These buildings were constructed in 1950 through 1968 with the exception of one new, 30' x 40' pole barn that has been partially completed using funds from a private donor. Additional space is needed to house the 4000+ exhibits currently exhibited by the 4-H members at the 4-H Fair.

**Farm Service Agency /National Resources Conservation Service . . . .** – Michael Westerman, County USDA Executive Director

The McPherson County Farm Service Agency (FSA), located at 200 South Centennial Drive, Suite B, in McPherson, is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Though its name has changed over the years, the Agency's relationship with farmers goes back to the 1930s.

At that time, Congress set up a unique system under which Federal farm programs are administered locally. Farmers who are eligible to participate in these programs elect a three-person county committee which reviews county office operations and makes many of the decisions on how to apply the programs. This grassroots approach gives farmers a much needed say in how federal actions affect their communities. After more than 85 years, it remains a cornerstone of FSA's efforts to preserve and promote American agriculture.

The current McPherson County FSA office was built in 1993. The facility provides 30 paved parking spaces for clients. It currently has one County Executive Director and five Program Technicians to assist farmers in federal programs. The federal programs handled through the office are commodity loan programs, non-insured disaster assistance programs, other emergency assistance, farm ownership and operating loans, and conservation programs.

The Agricultural Act of 2014 is important legislation that provides authorization for services and programs that impact every American and millions of people around the world. The new Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer.

The McPherson County FSA is currently located in the same building as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) which is also an agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The FSA and NRCS cooperate to provide administrative and technical support to the farmers in McPherson County.

Congress makes the decisions regarding long term plans by determining the funding and programs available through the FSA. The current 2014 Farm Bill will go through the year 2018. The USDA Service Center will provide a one-stop service center in which farmers may obtain administrative, program, or technical support. – Michael Westerman

**McPherson County Public Works Facility . . . .** – Tom Kramer, Public Works Director

The McPherson County Public Works Office is located in the southwest part of the City of McPherson at 1115 West Avenue A. The building currently has a staff of 9 employees. This

office conducts required business related to the maintenance and construction of the 370 miles of roads and 1,140 drainage structures currently under its jurisdiction. Primary activities of this office include directing the maintenance department on projects, preliminary surveying design, construction inspection, materials testing, inventories of roads and bridges, and the issuing of permits. Records related to roads, bridges, and land surveys are kept at this office. Planning and Zoning activities for McPherson County are also conducted through this office.

The McPherson County Public Works Maintenance Building is also located at 1115 West Avenue A. The 12,300 square foot building is utilized to service and repair the Public Works various maintenance equipment. The signing department, located in the North end of the building, is used to construct and store the necessary signing needed for the roads and bridges in the county. Offices for the maintenance foreman are located in the East part of the building. An average of 28 full-time employees currently work in the maintenance department. Primary maintenance activities include repairing of asphalt, concrete, and gravel roads, minor bridge repairs, signing and pavement striping, roadside mowing, and snow removal.

## **Educational Facilities . . .**

### **Unified School District Number 418** – Lois Edwards, Administrative Assistant

The McPherson Unified School District No. 418 serves the City of McPherson, its surrounding Planning Area, and beyond. The total district encompasses approximately 156 square miles. The district operates an alternative center, four elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school, all of which are located in McPherson. Enrollment in the McPherson schools is approximately 2,300.

McPherson USD 418 is a member of the McPherson County Special Education Cooperative which provides instructional and related services for exceptional children. The special education cooperative is supported by the five unified school districts in McPherson County. In 2014-15, approximately 870 students were served by the McPherson County Special Education Cooperative.

McPherson USD 418's four neighborhood elementary schools serve students in pre-kindergarten through grade 5. Each of the elementary schools offers a comprehensive program, including library services, art, music, computer-assisted instruction, and special education. Curriculum is developed cooperatively by teachers throughout the district.

McPherson Middle School, grades 6-8, offers a broad program of academic and elective exploratory courses. Activities, intramural and interscholastic sports are also available.

McPherson High School, grades 9-12, offers a strong college preparatory program as well as vocational education. A wide selection of co-curricular and extracurricular programs is available for students.

The locations of the schools as well as the elementary school attendance boundaries are illustrated in Figure 11-B, and a summary of the characteristics of each school is presented in

Table 11-B. Detailed information about McPherson U.S.D. 418 can also be obtained on the internet at <http://www.mcpherson.com/418/>.

**Existing School District Facilities** (In alphabetical order)

**Central Office - 514 North Main** Offices of the superintendent, assistant superintendents, special education director, director of instruction, psychologists, transition coordinator and district technology coordinator are located in this building. Several conference rooms are available for meetings, including one in which the board of education meetings are regularly held. The McPherson County Special Education Cooperative headquarters is also located in this building.

**Early Childhood Office (ECO)** ECC changed its name to Early Childhood Office (ECO) spring of 2014. All early childhood classrooms were placed into neighborhood schools, eliminating the Early Childhood Offices house staff and administration working for the Early Childhood programs. ECO is located at 915 E 1st McPherson, KS. The Center was moved to Washington from 1106 Hospital Dr. during the summer of 1997, following the remodeling and construction work at Washington. The offices were moved to its current location March of 2014 due to the renovations and demolition at Washington Elementary School in the summer of 2014. The ECO program offers services for McPherson County early childhood students. ECO manages several Early Childhood Programs including: Early Childhood Special Education, Head Start, State PreK & Community students for McPherson and Marion Counties. The program currently serves 198 students in 4 school districts.

**Eisenhower Elementary School - 301 East Wickersham** Eisenhower occupies a site of 17.1 acres located in the far north central part of the city. Construction on Eisenhower was started in July 1995 and was completed in time for school to begin in August 1996. Enrollment capacity of the school is 325; enrollment for the 2015-16 school year was 270 students, PreK-5.

**McPherson High School - 801 East First** McPherson High School occupies a site of 47 acres located in the central-northeast part of the city. The school was constructed in 1963, and additions were made in 1972, 1973, 1977, 1985, 1997 and 2015. The high school serves students in grades 9-12 and had an enrollment of 735 students for the 2015-16 school year.

**McPherson Middle School - 700 East Elizabeth** McPherson Middle School is located on a 7.5 acre site. The original building was constructed in 1938 as McPherson High School. It was used as the high school until 1962, and was then changed to a junior high school for grades 7-9. Following an evaluation of the district's facilities in the mid- 1980s, the board of education and administration determined it necessary to close several district schools and restructure the grade levels of others. The junior high became McPherson Middle School, grades 6-8, in 1985. Following a successful bond issue, a major expansion and remodeling of this building was completed in 1989. Enrollment for the 2015-16 school year was 549 students.

**Lincoln Elementary School - 900 North Ash** Lincoln was constructed in 1979, on a three-acre site. It replaced the former school building which was built in 1922. Enrollment capacity is 450; enrollment for the 2015-16 school year was 241 students, PreK-5.

**Maintenance Office – 201 N. Oak** The school district maintains a shop building at this location. All building and grounds maintenance is coordinated from this facility.

**Park Warehouse - 210 North Elm** The previous structure was built in 1918 on a three-acre site, and additions were made in 1953, 1954, and 1955. The facility was used as a school until 1985. After that, classes were no longer held in Park because of structural deterioration in the center section. The building was then used as central storage for the district. As part of the 1994 bond issue, the 1918 center portion of the building was demolished leaving the gym on the north end and an auditorium on the south end. A new structure, built on the site of the demolished school building, connecting the gym and the auditorium was constructed in 1996, and is now the district warehouse, and includes the former auditorium space.

**Roosevelt Elementary School - 800 South Walnut** Roosevelt was constructed in 1979 on a two-acre site replacing the former building which was built in 1922. An addition was completed in 2015 that added four classrooms, a commons, kitchen and cafeteria, and the gymnasium was also updated. Enrollment capacity is 450. Enrollment for the 2015-16 school year is 310 students, PreK-5.

**Washington Elementary School - 128 North Park** Washington is located north of Kansas Avenue between Park Street and Lakeside Park on a five-acre site. The original school was constructed in 1934; additions to the school were made in 1952, 1960 and 1997. An additional major addition of 6 classrooms, office area, and commons was completed during the 2014-2015 school year. Enrollment for the 2015-16 school year is 276 students, PreK-5.

### **School Location and Site Standards**

Elementary schools generally should not be located adjacent to major arterial streets or in commercial and industrial areas. If possible, they should be located in the center of a neighborhood adjacent to a neighborhood park. The elementary school should be near a collector street, but the surrounding street system should be designed so that only local traffic would use that collector. State standards encourage a minimum of five acres plus one acre per 100 pupils for an elementary school site, with a desirable standard being ten acres plus one acre per 100 pupils.

Secondary schools should be located as closely as possible to their service areas and should be near a major street because of the greater number of students transported by vehicles. Secondary school site sizes vary considerably because of different needs for outside physical education facilities, parking, buffer areas, etc., but standards often encouraged are 20 acres plus one acre per 100 students for junior high schools and 30 acres plus one acre per 100 students for high schools.

An important point when building a new school is to acquire enough land initially to satisfy both existing and potential future needs for building expansion, accessory facilities, and an adequate buffer area.

There should be sufficient sidewalks around school facilities to handle safely the pedestrian traffic approaching or leaving the school. These sidewalks should be designed to merge in a safe manner with the city/neighborhood sidewalk system feeding into the school property.

Parking for school facilities should be adequate and planned for the safety of students, staff and school visitors coming to the school as well as local traffic. Parking for bus loading and unloading should be separate from general parking areas and reasonably convenient to building entrances.

**TABLE 11-B. SCHOOL STATISTICS U.S.D. 418**

School	Site Size (Acres)	Year Existing Building(s) and Additions Erected	Square Footage	Grade Span	2015-16 Student Enrollment <sup>(*)</sup>	Enrollment Capacity
Lincoln Elementary	3	1979, 2015	41,800	Pre-K - 5	241	450
Roosevelt Elementary	2	1979, 2015	41,800	Pre-K - 5	310	450
Washington Elementary	5	1934, 1952, 1960, 1996, 1997, 2015	53,251	Pre-K - 5	276	325
Eisenhower Elementary	17.1	1995	54,419	Pre-K - 5	270	325
McPherson Middle School	8	1938, 1969, 1990	126,800	6-8	549	800
McPherson High School	47	1963, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1996, 1997	211,850	9-12	735	1,000
<b>TOTALS:</b>	85.1		529,931		2,381	3,280

<sup>(\*)</sup> Enrollment figures include special education students.

Source: Unified School District #418 administrative staff.

**St. Joseph Catholic School:** St. Joseph Catholic School operates under the Catholic Diocese of Wichita and St. Joseph Catholic parish of McPherson. It is fully accredited by the State of Kansas. The school is a preschool through sixth grade facility that has been in operation since 1955. Originally the facility was located at 200 South Chestnut. In 1991 the school and church were moved to a newly built facility at its current location of 520 East Northview Road. In 2010 a large chapel, classroom and gym addition was completed. The 2013 enrollment for preschool through sixth grade is 143 students. These enrollment numbers show a 40% increase in students over the past 10 years. The goal and expectation is that the school will continue to grow over the next 10 years. – Peggy Bahr, Principal

**McPherson College**, which opened in 1887, is a private, four-year Liberal Arts college, associated with the Church of the Brethren and is located at 1600 East Euclid. It presently occupies about 23 acres of land and has a 2015 enrollment of 681. McPherson College has experienced a fairly stable student enrollment. It is not anticipated that any additional land will be needed by the College in the foreseeable future except, possibly, for parking purposes. It should be noted, however, that there is no undeveloped surrounding property available for expansion. Parking on campus is marginally adequate with approximately 400 spaces, including many on-street spaces, available to serve the students and the 131 full and part-time staff members. The interior of the campus is designed to be very pedestrian-oriented. Approximately 74% of the students are housed on-campus.

Current needs are to provide more modern facilities for students in the music, arts, and sciences departments. To this end, several new structures are in the planning and/or construction phases. These new facilities will include: 1) A science building designed for the social and physical sciences, math, and computers; 2) A fine arts building for both music and art; and 3) A small theater area for 450 persons adjoining Brown Auditorium, 4) two new dormitories, and 5) a new maintenance building. The campus development plan also calls for additional student living facilities along vacated Lehmer Street. The first such unit is in place in 2014 with one room of that facility converted to a walk-in clinic which is available to both college students and faculty as well as the residents of McPherson. - Cari Lott

**Central Christian College of Kansas**, affiliated with the Free Methodist Church USA, began as Orleans Seminary in Orleans, Nebraska in 1884 as an elementary school and high school. In 1914, the institution moved to McPherson, KS, changed its name to Central College and added the first two years of college to its curriculum.

The college expanded its curriculum, and became a four-year college in 2000 changing its name to Central Christian College of Kansas. Central Christian now offers Bachelor of Science degrees in 27 different majors. Further expansion of the curriculum includes an on ground adult Bachelors of Science degree completion program in Organizational Leadership, a dual credit program with area and national high schools and vibrant, online Bachelor of Science degree programs in Organizational Leadership, Health Care Administration, Health Care Management, Ministry Leadership, Psychology and Criminal Justice. Fall 2015 projected enrollment in all programs is over 1100 students.

The campus presently occupies about 20 acres of land with full-time faculty, adjunct faculty and staff members totaling around 250. Approximately 90 percent of the nearly 300 traditional students are housed on campus. There are adequate parking spaces for campus events. College facilities that are used regularly by community groups are the Briner Library, the Miller Plaza, the Broadhurst Student Center, the Pyle Gymnasium, the Wesley Black Fine Arts building and the college's athletic fields. The college also recently acquired a new baseball and softball complex. A comprehensive strategic plan has been developed for the campus including new residence halls, athletic facilities and academic buildings. - Tom Greco, Chief Operations Officer

For further information see Central Christian's website at [www.centralchristian.edu](http://www.centralchristian.edu).

**Hutchinson Community College**, which is headquartered in Hutchinson, Kansas, operates a local classroom at 2208 E. Kansas Avenue. Educational opportunities offered at this facility are targeted towards the older, non-traditional, working student and are usually given in the evenings.

These colleges provide local sources for continuing higher education, thus promoting the retention of the city's younger population plus attracting other young people from outside the city. Through their students, graduates and faculty members, they have contributed to the education level of the city's population. The skills and knowledge of these people can be and often are utilized to the betterment of local projects. In addition, the colleges play major roles in the provision of local cultural services, e.g., lectures, plays, concerts, and exhibits.

**The Associated Colleges of Central Kansas** Headquartered in McPherson at 210 South Main, the Associated Colleges of Central Kansas (ACCK) is a consortium of six private, church-related colleges -- Bethany College, Lindsborg; Bethel College, North Newton; Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina; McPherson College, McPherson; Sterling College, Sterling; and Tabor College, Hillsboro. Incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 1966, ACCK is one of the oldest active higher education consortia in the United States. Presidents of the member colleges constitute the board of directors, and an executive director is responsible for overall management. Collaborative services include a special education program and an athletic training program, faculty exchanges, career interview day, and a joint program of secondary teaching methods classes. In May 1996, ACCK relocated to renovated facilities at 210 South Main that house administrative and faculty offices, special education library, classrooms, and a computer lab. – Matt Lindsey, Executive Director; Bev Schottler, Program Director