

CENTURA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Initial Site Visit: April 24-25, 2007
Approximate square footage: 28,687



PILOT SITE OVERVIEW

Program Overview:

Centura, formed in 1967 is a rural consolidated district made up of about 600 students (K-12), from small towns within 214 square miles of ranches and farms. The mission of Centura Public School, as an innovative educational system, is to provide for all students educational experiences that will prepare them for an ever-changing 21st century society. Our school prides itself in child-centered classrooms beginning with an early childhood program that offers a center-based program for three and four year old children and a parent educator to fully connect families with school and community. Transition into kindergarten and primary grade levels is easily accomplished because of similar philosophy of developmentally appropriate practices.

Ages served: Preschoolers, School Age
Number of children enrolled: 181+
Serve children with Special Needs: Yes
Serve low income children: 42%
Number of staff: 25+

From their Application:

Centura Public Schools is completely committed to not only meeting the standards for a Nature Explore Classroom but to go well beyond the basic standard and create an exceptional world-class outdoor nature exploration learning environment. Our vision for this project is to develop a complete comprehensive outdoor nature educational experience for children of all ages (Pre-K-Grade 12).

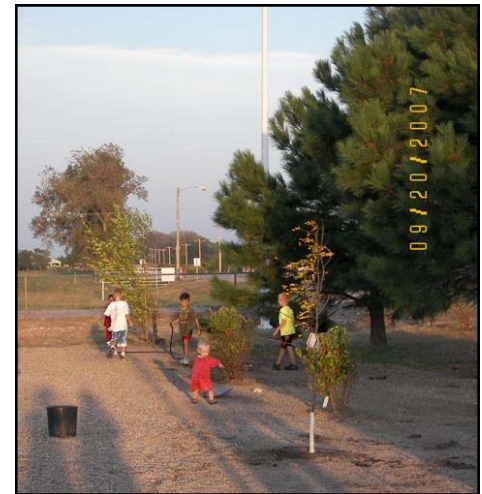


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