

Moscow, Kansas

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Moscow is located in extreme southwestern Kansas in Stevens County. In recent years Mexican immigration to the county has increased dramatically due to increases in feedlot operations, corporate hog farming and dairies.

The influx of Mexicans and German Mennonite families has had a dramatic effect upon education. The Moscow community is in need of affordable housing for future growth. The school district has had to hire bilingual teachers and paras to meet the needs of the minority populations.

In the last twelve years, the population of Moscow has grown from 15% minority to over 30%. The elementary school is close to 50% minority.

The community of Moscow is in need of child care for the general population and, in particular, for the adult Mexican and Mennonite students in the alternative school.

Migrant Program Services

- Migrant Even Start Family Literacy for 3 and 4 year olds
- Adult literacy classes during the day and in the evenings
- Ninety percent of K-12 teaching staff is ESL certified or on an ESL plan
- Five bilingual paras provide translating in regular classrooms and are assistants to teachers in the classroom
- A well-trained recruiter works to recruit and assist families as they become a member of the community and school
- PAC is offered to assist the Migrant Program
- Jump Start and summer school are conducted in June and July to offer help with English skills and social skills K-5