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Rose Hill Schools Names Luke Claar as Assistant Principal at Rose Hill High School

Rose Hill Public Schools is pleased to announce the hiring of Luke Claar as the new Assistant Principal at Rose Hill High School starting the 2026-2027 school year. Claar brings 33 years of experience in education and a strong background in school leadership, teaching, and coaching.

Claar most recently served as principal at Cheney Middle School and previously at Roosevelt Middle School. His administrative experience also includes assistant principal roles at El Dorado Middle School and Field Kindley High School.

Prior to moving into administration, Claar spent many years in the classroom as a social studies teacher and coach. He taught and coached football, golf, wrestling, basketball, and track at schools in Dodge City, Stockton, Independence, and Neodesha, working with both middle school and high school students.

Claar said his decision to pursue school leadership came from seeing the powerful impact strong leadership can have on students, teachers, and the overall school environment.

"Leadership has the ability to shape the culture of a school," Claar said. "I wanted the opportunity to support teachers, strengthen school culture, and help create the conditions where students can succeed both academically and personally."

Claar describes his leadership style as collaborative and relationship-focused. He believes visibility and communication are key to building a positive school culture where students and staff feel supported. "I believe in being present in hallways, classrooms, and activities so students know I'm invested in their success," Claar said. "When students know you care about them and will listen, it builds trust and creates a positive school environment."

He also emphasizes the importance of supporting teachers and staff so they can focus on helping students succeed.

"My goal is to create a positive, respectful environment where teachers feel supported in the classroom and students feel encouraged to do their best," Claar said.

Claar believes school culture plays a significant role in student success. When students feel safe, supported, and connected to their school, they are more likely to engage in learning and reach their full potential.

When addressing discipline, Claar focuses on accountability while maintaining strong relationships with students. "Discipline is most effective when it's paired with relationships," he said. "When students know you care about them, accountability becomes a learning opportunity rather than just a consequence."

Claar is excited to join the Rose Hill community and looks forward to working with students, staff, and families. "I'm honored to join the Rose Hill High community," Claar said. "After more than 30 years in education, I still believe the most important part of our work is building relationships with students and helping them find their path. I look forward to supporting our staff and working with families to help every student succeed."

Claar has two children: his daughter, Taygan, who is completing her second year of pharmacy school at University of Kansas, and his son, Tommy, a sophomore majoring in business at Butler Community College.

Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing golf, and cheering on Ohio State Buckeyes football.

Claar will begin his role at Rose Hill High School for the 2026-27 school year, bringing a fresh perspective and more than three decades of leadership experience from schools and districts across Kansas.

