

Carolyn Darst

Carolyn started teaching at KSD 39 years ago. After spending a month at KSD interning at the high school and living in the dormitory during her senior year at Southwestern College, she made a decision to become a teacher of the deaf. She received her MS in Deaf Education from the University of Kansas and started teaching social studies to middle school students at KSD in 1971. When Carolyn started at KSD, girls were not permitted to



play competitive sports. Using the advent of federal laws providing equal rights for women in sports in 1974, Carolyn and another teacher (Janet Simpson) were able to successfully push for the rights of KSD girls to compete in track and volleyball against other schools. Carolyn served as volleyball and track coach for several years. She taught English and reading to high school students before taking the position of IEP Coordinator in 1989. She worked with parents, teachers and local school district representatives in the development of annual Individual Educational Plans for each KSD student for 13 years. Carolyn has served as the Director of Admissions and Related Services since 2002. Her retirement becomes effective at the end of this school year.