



NORTH BEND CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2007-08 COMMUNITY REPORT

Since 1990, Nebraska's public schools have been required to provide an annual report to patrons as part of the Nebraska Department of Education's accreditation requirements. North Bend Central Public Schools is proud to present this report to our community .

Our School District

On June 1, 1998, six elementary districts (North Bend #8, Morse Bluff #14, Webster #27, Ames #91, Dodge Co. #92, and Cotterell #93) reorganized with North Bend Central High School District #95 to form a new Class III (K-12) school system. The new North Bend Central Public School's District operated with six elementary attendance centers and one high school building during the 1998-99 school year. Webster and Ames closed at the end of 1998-99 leaving four elementary attendance centers and the junior-senior high school. Cotterell Elementary closed at the end of the 2000-01 school year and Tower Elementary was closed at the end of 2001-02.

With the opening of the new elementary addition in January, 2004, Morse Bluff Elementary was closed. All K-6 students now attend North Bend Central Elementary School located at 420 East 11th St. Students in Grades 7-12 attend North Bend Central Junior-Senior High School. It's campus is located at 14th and Walnut Streets. Two classrooms were added to North Bend Elementary in 2008.

The school district covers 228 square miles and had an official enrollment of 464 students in 2007-08. One student was contracted to a special school for Special Education services.

North Bend Central Public Schools is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and, since 1917, the high school has also been accredited by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. Currently the high school is classified as "C-1" by the Nebraska School Activities Association in most activities and is a member of the East Husker Conference. For more information about NPCPS, check our website at: <http://northbend.esu2.org>

The Board of Education

North Bend Central Public Schools is governed by an elected six-member Board of Education. Regular meetings are held the second Monday of each month. The Board was appointed by the Dodge County Reorganization Committee in 1998 with three members assigned two-year terms and three assigned four-year terms. Since then, three members have been elected to four-year terms.

Members and their term's expiration date are:

Dan Mensik, President (Jan.

2011); Dan Wesely, Vice President (Jan. 2009); Jeff Bauer, Secretary (Jan. 2011); Jeff Alderson, Treasurer (Jan. 2009); Nacy Meyer, member (Jan. 2001), Jim Dake, member (Jan. 2009).

The next Board election will be held in November 2008, with members taking office in January 2009.

Option Enrollment

Included in the figures below are students using Nebraska's option enrollment programs to attend NBCPS or a neighboring district.

	To NBCPS	To other Districts
2007-08	51	36
2008-2009 (Proj.)	49	32

Enrollment

The enrollment in North Bend Central Public Schools has declined in recent years as has enrollment in much of rural Nebraska.

	final 06-07	final 07-08	projected 08-09
K	28	33	39
1	33	28	32
2	33	32	28
3	32	35	31
4	27	33	34
5	28	28	34
6	30	27	26
7	40	31	27
8	43	38	32
9	38	45	38
10	43	40	44
11	46	42	40
12	43	42	43
TOTAL	469	465	448

School Census

The census school age (Ages 5-18) population for the last two years follows:

	6/30/07	6/30/08
Dodge Co.	398	392
Saunders Co.	108	107
Colfax Co.	4	4
TOTAL	510	503

Information about North Bend Central Public Schools is available from: Superintendent James Havelka, Principals Brenda Petersen or Caryn Zietflow, or any Board of Education member. Superintendent's Office phone: (402) 652-3268

North Bend Central Jr. Sr. High School: (402) 652-3268

North Bend Central Elementary School: (402) 652-8122

School Website: nbtigers.org



Faculty and Staff

As enrollment in NBCPS has declined, staffing has declined accordingly. Staff members are listed in full-time equivalents.

School Year	06-07	07-08	08-09
Administrators	3.0	3.0	3.0
Teachers (FTE)	41.0	42.5	43.5
Nurse	.6	.6	.5
Paraprofessionals	14.0	15.25	13.75
Secretarial	3.0	3.0	3.0
Custodial	3.75	3.75	3.75
Food Service	7.0	7.0	7.0
Transportation (p/t)	3.0	3.0	3.0
TOTAL	75.35	78.10	77.50

2007-08 Professional Staff Qualifications

	No.	Percent
Educational Specialists	1	2.2
Master's plus 18 hours or more	20	43.5
Master's Degree or more	8	17.4
Bachelor's plus 30 hours or more	6	13.0
Bachelor's Degree or more	11	23.9

Learning Climate/ Graduate Follow-Up Study

A faculty committee prepared the annual learning climate survey and graduate follow-up study. The learning climate surveys, about 15 questions each, were administered to faculty and staff and students in Grades 3, 6, 8, 11 and their parents in March.

Two questions of particular interest at all grade levels involved whether instruction is challenging and whether schools are perceived as safe. Although worded differently at different levels, one statement noted that classes are challenging and/or expectations are high. Responses were:

	Agree	Disagree	Other
Grade 3 Students	92%	4%	4%
Grade 6 Students	88	8	4
Elementary Parents (ave.)	94	6	0
Elementary Staff	93	0	7
Grade 8 Students	64%	23%	13%
Grade 8 Parents	100	0	0
Grade 11 Students	87	11	2
Grade 11 Parents	89	6	5
Secondary Teachers	95	5	0

Another statement addressed whether students felt safe at school. Responses were:

	Agree	Disagree	Other
Grade 3 Students	80%	0%	20%
Grade 6 Students	100	0	0
Elementary Parents (ave.)	87	5	8
Elementary Staff	100	0	0
Grade 8 Students	72%	24%	4%
Grade 8 Parents	78	16	6
Grade 11 Students	83	14	3
Grade 11 Parents	84	0	16
Secondary Teachers	100	0	0

The Post-Graduate Survey was sent to members of the Classes of 2003, 2006, and 2007. A key statement on the survey was:

"I feel that overall my classes at NBC prepared me well for my present and future needs."

	Agree	Disagree	Uncertain
Class of 2003	88%	0%	12%
Class of 2006	50%	50%	0%
Class of 2007	73%	27%	0%

School Completion

North Bend Central Junior-Senior High School has a relatively high level of school completion:

Year	Enrollment	Graduates	Dropouts
07-08	176	48	1
06-07	170	41	2
05-06	176	46	0
04-05	174	35	3
03-04	165	41	1

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Due to new state regulations, some additional performance indicators came into effect in Nebraska schools. This report will provide information on several of the measures of academic performance for North Bend Central Public Schools students

I. STATE REPORT CARD

In December 2007, the Nebraska Department of Education released its State Report Card and more extensive State of the Schools Report showing student performance and school district information for 2006-07. Below is a summary of the 2007 State of the Schools Report information for North Bend.

2006-07 STUDENT/SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS			
	STATE	NBCPS	
Free/Reduced Lunch	36.42%	29.06%	
Mobility	12.72%	7.26%	
Non-English Speaking	6.49%	0.64%	
Special Education	14.95%	9.83%	
High Ability Learner	15.39%	26.10%	
Attendance Rate	94.77%	96.95%	
Offering All Day Kindergarten	86.89%	YES	
Requiring 4 Years H.S. English	82.68%	YES	
Requiring 3 Years H.S. Math	70.47%	YES	
Dropout Rate (06-07)	1.94%	0.78%	
Four-Year Graduation Rate (06-07)	89.33%	90.48%	

For the charts below, the following abbreviations apply: A.R.= Assessment Rating, P.R.= Performance Rating, Ex.= Exemplary, VG= Very Good

2006-07 READING STANDARDS (Average proficiency on each standard)						
GRADE	STATE	NBCPS	A.R.	P.R.	% TESTED	NBCPS
Fourth	89.4%	100.0%	Ex.	Ex.	99.3%	
Eighth	89.7%	96.7%	Ex.	Ex.	100.00%	
Eleventh	87.2%	83.9%	VG	VG	100.00%	

2006-07 MATH STANDARDS (Average proficiency on each standard)						
GRADE	STATE	NBCPS	A.R.	P.R.	% TESTED	NBCPS
Fourth	91.2%	98.6%	Ex.	Ex.	99.3%	
Eighth	87.5%	89.1%	Ex.	Ex.	100.00%	
Eleventh	84.8%	96.0%	Ex.	Ex.	100.00%	

2006-07 STATEWIDE WRITING ASSESSMENT (Percent of students proficient)						
GRADE	STATE	NBCPS				
Fourth	86.2%	89.3%				
Eighth	90.2%	97.7%				
Eleventh	91.0%	97.8%				

2006-07 STANDARDIZED READING TESTS (Percent Exceeding National Average/50th Percentile)						
GRADES	STATE	GRADE	NBCPS			
GR. 3-5	67.0%	FOUR	77.8%			
GR. 7-8	61.5%	EIGHT	62.8%			
GR. 10-12	62.1%	ELEVEN	71.1%			

2006-07 STANDARDIZED MATH TESTS (Percent Exceeding National Average/50th Percentile)						
GRADES	STATE	GRADE	NBCPS			
GR. 3-5	69.2%	FOUR	84.6%			
GR. 7-8	69.3%	EIGHT	74.4%			
GR. 10-12	63.1%	ELEVEN	68.9%			



II. STATEWIDE WRITING ASSESSMENT (2008)

In February, 2008, students in Grades 4,8,11 took the Statewide Writing Assessment. The results showed that 78% of NB-CPS fourth graders, 89% of eighth graders, and 93% of eleventh graders met the state standard. Statewide averages will be available in November.

III. LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTING (2008)

In April, 2008, students in Grades 3-9 and 11 were given the California Achievement Test (CAT). These are norm-referenced tests meaning that NBCPS students are compared to students nationwide. On norm-referenced tests, 50 is the national average. The 50th percentile is the point at which half of the students tested nationally scored above and half scored at or below. Example: students in Grade 4 had a percentile score in Total Language of 59. That means that of the national group, 41% scored higher and 59% scored the same or lower. Several sub-tests are given. The chart below summarizes Language, Math and the Battery Total. Grade 10 students take a pre-college test called PLAN. The average national percentile scores for PLAN are listed below also.

Grade	Test	Total Lang.	Total Math	Total Battery
3	CAT	52	50	52
4	CAT	59	58	57
5	CAT	62	68	66
6	CAT	59	53	59
7	CAT	67	67	67
8	CAT	60	64	65
9	CAT	63	64	67
10	PLAN	55	64	64
11	CAT	61	62	62

IV. AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST (ACT)

Another measure of student achievement is the American College Test (ACT). This test is not given to all students, only to those high school juniors and seniors who wish to take it. In 2007-08, 35 of 48 NBC seniors (72.9%) took the ACT. This compares to about 77% of seniors in Nebraska overall. Their best average score through the June, 2008 testing and last 5 years are listed below. Maximum score on the ACT is 36.

Class of	No.	%	English	Math
2003	41/59	69.5%	20.2	21.0
2004	29/41	70.7%	18.7	20.8
2005	30/34	88.2%	19.7	21.6
2006	29/48	60.4%	20.7	20.7
2007	32/41	78.0%	22.0	22.3
2008	35/48	72.9%	19.7	21.9
State Average*		77.0%	21.8	21.8

Class of	Reading	Science	Composite
2003	20.6	21.2	20.9
2004	19.3	20.6	20.1
2005	20.9	21.6	21.1
2006	20.7	21.3	21.0
2007	21.9	23.3	22.4
2008	21.4	22.8	21.5
State*	22.4	21.9	22.1

* State scores will not be released until late August. Statewide scores for the Class of 2007 are listed above to provide a rough comparison to the local scores.

V. STARS READING

The State Board of Education has established statewide standards in reading/language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. In 2007-08, reading and math assessments were again conducted in Grades 4, 8, and 11. Here's how our students performed over the last three years. Students in the "Beginning and "Progressing" categories have not yet met the state standards. Those in the "Proficient" and "Advanced" categories have met the state standards.

ASSESSMENTS CLASS AVERAGES

READING/LANG. ARTS		Beginning	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced
Grade 4	07-08	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%
	06-07	0.0%	0.0%	32.4%	67.6%
	05-06	0.0%	0.8%	17.6%	81.6%
Grade 8	07-08	1.0%	4.0%	10.1%	84.8%
	06-07	1.9%	1.4%	15.9%	80.9%
	05-06	0.0%	5.5%	16.2%	78.3%
Grade 11	07-08	1.4%	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%
	06-07	1.8%	0.0%	32.4%	67.6%
	05-06	3.0%	0.8%	17.6%	81.6%

MATH		Beginning	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced
Grade 4	07-08	0.0%	0.0%	15.9%	83.4%
	06-07	0.0%	1.4%	11.1%	87.4%
	05-06	11.0%	4.2%	23.7%	71.0%
Grade 8	07-08	2.6%	3.9%	19.0%	74.5%
	06-07	2.7%	16.1%	28.9%	60.2%
	05-06	0.9%	7.0%	26.2%	65.2%
Grade 11	07-08	6.2%	2.0%	35.1%	56.6%
	06-07	1.3%	2.2%	33.1%	63.4%
	05-06	3.1%	2.1%	26.7%	68.2%

SCIENCE		Beginning	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced
Grade 5	07-08	0.9%	5.3%	31.3%	62.5%
	06-07	0.9%	6.2%	19.4%	73.5%
	05-06	0.0%	2.7%	26.9%	70.5%
Grade 8	07-08	2.6%	9.8%	44.8%	42.8%
	06-07	3.1%	19.8%	33.9%	43.3%
	05-06	0.3%	21.0%	33.5%	45.2%
Grade 11	07-08	1.7%	11.1%	35.1%	52.1%
	06-07	0.7%	10.2%	37.4%	51.7%
	05-06	0.3%	11.9%	37.6%	50.2%

SOCIAL STUDIES		Beginning	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced
Grade 4	07-08	0.0%	4.0%	35.1%	60.9%
	06-07	0.0%	0.0%	9.6%	90.5%
Grade 8	07-08	3.3%	5.3%	26.4%	65.0%
	06-07	2.4%	28.6%	26.2%	42.9%
Grade 11	07-08	0.0%	2.4%	20.8%	76.8%
	06-07	0.0%	11.3%	26.3%	62.4%



VI. FEDERAL ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP)

The federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires schools to make progress annually toward 100% proficiency in reading and math. Nebraska schools measure Adequate Teacher Progress (ATP) in grades 3, 8, and 11. In 2006-07, North Bend Central Public Schools met all AYP indicators and initial results for 2007-08 show NBCPS meeting all AYP standards once again. A full report will be available in December, 2008.

Finances

Below is budget information for the last three years. The 2008-09 budget is currently being developed. The annual budget hearing was p.m. Monday, September 8th at the NBC high school.

TAX-FINANCED FUNDS	05-06 Budget	06-07 Budget	07-08 Budget
General Fund, Other Revenue	\$2,380,000	\$2,475,000	\$2,500,000
General Fund Property Tax	\$3,370,000	\$3,400,000	\$3,605,700
General Fund Expenditure Budget	\$4,450,000	\$4,575,000	\$4,750,000

Assessed Valuation	\$361,459,369	\$404,853,088	\$425,632,0
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