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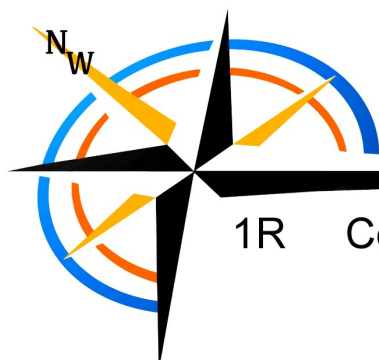
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2017-2018 Annual Report

Mission Statement

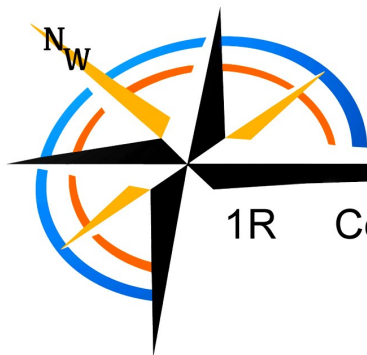
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District 82

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During the past several years Northwest schools has spent a great deal of time studying its structure and trying to figure out how to best serve our students. A part of this study has involved taking a hard look at where we have been and where we need to go.

When Northwest High School was built in 1963 it was created from nothing to serve a need that existed. At that time the need was to provide education for 9th through 12th grade students who had been displaced when Grand Island Senior High no longer had room to accommodate the rural students. In 2006 the state legislature said that all school districts had to become K-12 systems. So again out of need, Northwest had Cedar Hollow, Chapman, St. Libory, and 1-R merge with the high school to form a K-12 district.

While Northwest is now a K-12 system it continues to operate in the same structure that it did previously. That brings us to our current need. With our middle grade students (6-8) being in multiple buildings we are unable to provide them an education that meets currently accepted standards. Our students are being underserved in our current structure. Our current need is to find a way to provide an appropriate education for these students.

The bond election that was held this fall was an attempt to put a structure in place that would serve this need. As evidenced by the election results this was not a solution the voters were willing to embrace at this time. As we move into 2019, with several new board members in place, the challenge of addressing this need will still be looming as a top priority. Hopefully through the information shared in the bond election process most of our patrons are well aware of the middle school issue. Now the challenge is working together to find a solution that works for our district.



2017-18 Financial Information Fund Valuation and Levies

<u>Valuation</u>		<u>Tax Levies</u>	
Hall County	\$ 617,038,248	General Fund Levy	.8203
Howard County	\$ 157,441,839	Building Fund Levy	.0407
Merrick County	\$ 242,585,035	Qual Cap Purpose	
Total Valuation	\$ 1,017,065,122	Fund Levy	.0244
<u>Bond Fund Valuation</u>		<u>Levies</u>	
Northwest	\$ 1,071,168,062	Northwest	.0296

Northwest Tax Levy Summary for Five Years

Year	General Fund	Bond Fund	Building Fund	Quality Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	Total Levy	Taxes on a House Valued at \$100,000
17-18	.8203	.0296	.0407	.0244	.9150	\$ 915.00
16-17	.8821	.0298	.0309	.0244	.9672	\$ 967.20
15-16	.9526	.0323	.0214	-----	1.0063	\$1006.30
14-15	.9523	.0321	.0214	.0309	1.0367	\$1036.70
13-14	.9523	.0387	.0460	-----	1.0370	\$1037.00

General Fund Revenues

Local Property Taxes	8,760,721
Interest	18,162
County Fines	61,489
State Aid	7,229,178
Special Ed	479,607
State Apportionment	88,579
Federal Funds	466,211
State Grants	21,925
Facility Rental	640
Medicaid	8,833
Other Receipts	16,039
Total Revenue	\$17,151,384

General Fund Expenditures

Instructional Services	\$ 10,095,651
Support Services (Pupils)	1,573,195
Support Services	818,434
General Administration (Supt & Board)	626,282
School Administration (Principal)	1,230,860
Support Services (Business)	111,782
Operation/Maintenance of Plant	1,747,279
Transportation	259,309
Federal Program/State Grants	490,417
Total Expenditures	\$16,953,209

State Income Tax Return

Public school district data is very important in the distribution of state income tax dollars back to the school district in which you reside. Make sure you follow the directions when preparing your state income tax return and list **Hall County District 82** as the school district. This includes residents from Howard and Merrick County who reside in the Northwest Public School District. If you have any questions please contact the Superintendent's office at 385-6398.

ACT Senior Class 2018

Additional data will be included on the Nebraska Education Profile Site once it is released on December 21 at <http://nep.education.ne.gov/>

Table 1: Five Year Trends - Average ACT Scores

Grad Year	Total Tested		English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State
2014	123	17,768	22.9	21.3	23.2	21.1	23.3	22.0	23.3	21.7	23.3	21.7
2015	117	18,347	21.9	21.1	22.6	21.0	22.4	21.9	22.7	21.6	22.5	21.5
2016	115	18,598	21.2	20.9	21.5	20.8	22.2	21.8	22.0	21.5	21.8	21.4
2017	124	18,993	21.5	20.9	21.8	20.9	22.3	21.9	22.2	21.5	22.1	21.4
2018	165	24,516	18.7	19.4	19.8	19.8	20.1	20.4	19.8	20.1	19.7	20.1

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Thursday, February 7, 2019

6:45 p.m.

**For all 8th Grade or Prospective
Students and their Parents**

Northwest High School Auditorium

On February 7 Northwest High School will be holding their annual 8th Grade and New Student Orientation event. All current 8th grade students who are considering attending Northwest High School next fall are encouraged to attend with their parents. This evening is also open to students in all grades who are looking to attend Northwest High School in the fall of 2019. This orientation gives students and parents an opportunity to learn about the Northwest district.

If your student is not currently enrolled at Cedar Hollow, 1R or St. Libory and is not a resident of the NW district and plans to enroll at Northwest High School next year you will need to fill out an option enrollment form. The form is available on the Northwest website www.ginorthwest.org under the Forms tab or you may call 308-385-6398. If received after March 15, the application will require a waiver from the resident district. If your student has opted out of the NW district and plans to attend NWHS, please contact the District Office.

Mid-January registration packets will be sent to all 8th grade students currently attending Cedar Hollow, 1R, or St. Libory and to students who have been accepted as an option student. If your student does not attend one of these schools please call 308-385-6398 or email kgibson@ginorthwest.org or bhuls@ginorthwest.org with your student's name, address and the current school they are attending and the registration packet will be sent to you.

Home of the Vikings!

**Nebraska State Accountability Spring 2017 Percent Proficient
Combined Results for All Grades Tested**

	ELA		Math		Science	
	School	State	School	State	School	State
2012-2013	**	**	75%	69%	80%	70%
2013-2014	**	**	77%	71%	78%	72%
2014-2015	**	**	78%	72%	72%	72%
2015-2016	**	**	78%	73%	81%	72%
2016-2017	61%	51%	86%	72%	81%	70%

* Beginning 2017, 11th grade was tested via the ACT, the 2017 statewide percentages above include only students in grades 3-8 and 11th grade Alternate Assessment students.

**2016-2017 is the first year that the English Language Arts Exam was administered based on the Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards (NCCRS).

**District Normed Reference Test Results: NWEA Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)
NWEA MAP Tests are given in the Fall, Winter and Spring to measure growth.**

Mathematics Spring 2018 Grades K-9		
Grade	Mean RIT	Percentile
K	166.4	89
1	188.2	90
2	192.1	53
3	210.6	88
4	217.9	75
5	228.6	83
6	232.4	84
7	238.4	88
8	246.4	95
9	241.1	78

Reading Spring 2018 Grades K-9		
Grade	Mean RIT	Percentile
K	165.0	90
1	184.6	87
2	193.2	76
3	203.5	78
4	213.3	88
5	218.3	85
6	220.3	77
7	222.4	74
8	229.1	89
9	228.3	81

**Northwest High School Graduation Rate
4-year Cohort 2014-2017**

School Year	Years to Graduate	NWHS Graduation Rate	State Graduation Rate	NWHS Number of Graduates	State Number of Graduates
2014	4	95.14%	89.66%	176	19493
2015	4	95.40%	88.89%	166	19430
2016	4	98.43%	89.27%	188	19668
2017	4	98.35%	89.11%	179	19931



District Demographics



School District's Professional Staff

Number of Staff with Specialist's Degree	2
Number of Staff with Master's Degree	74
Number of Staff with Bachelor's Degree	<u>55</u>
Total:	131

School District Support Staff

Business Manager	1
Secretaries	10
Para Professionals	25
Maintenance/Custodial	14
Cafeteria Personnel	15
Technology	2
Nurse	<u>2</u>
Total:	69



2017-18 District Enrollment

(Based on last Friday in September 2017)

Northwest High School (9-12)	742
1R, Cedar Hollow, St. Libory, and Chapman (K-8)	<u>735</u>
Total K-12 Enrollment in the Northwest District	1,477

School Lunch

The Northwest District Lunch Program is required to serve a lunch which includes protein, vegetable, fruit, bread alternate, and milk.



PS-8th Grade Lunches	80,862
9th-12th Grade Lunches	53,997
Staff & Guest Lunches	<u>4,442</u>
Total Lunches	139,301
 Breakfast (Chapman)	 5,050

Membership Trends and Per Pupil Expenditures (Figures are based on Average Daily Membership ADM)

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Grade KD	82	81	94
Grade 1	68	88	79
Grade 2	71	72	90
Grade 3	82	77	77
Grade 4	77	86	81
Grade 5	78	80	92
Grade 6	76	77	70
Grade 7	76	71	77
Grade 8	73	76	73
Grade 9	193	177	200
Grade 10	161	196	175
Grade 11	181	160	190
Grade 12	187	173	167
Total	1,405	1,416	1,465
Annual Per Pupil (ADM) Expenditures	\$11,822.42	\$11,982.04	\$11,863.52

2017-18 High School Activity Participants

Academic Competitions	43	Musical	230
Baseball	10	Show Choir	95
Basketball	68	Skills USA	5
Cheerleaders	28	Soccer	65
Cross Country	33	Softball	31
Drama/Play Production	42	Speech	13
FBLA	53	Student Council	20
FCCLA	4	Student Trainers	10
FFA	68	Swimming	9
Flag Corps	13	Track	132
Football	114	Tennis	11
Golf (Girls/Boys)	23	Unified Bowling	15
Instrumental Music	100	Vikettes	14
Intramural Basketball	46	Vocal Music	275
Intramural Volleyball	14	Volleyball	29
Jazz Band	18	Wrestling	34
Journalism	33		

Graduation Plans

	4-Year College	2-Year College	Military	Work/Undecided
Class 2015	87/48%	51/28%	2/1%	42/23%
Class 2016	79/43%	63/34%	4/2%	39/21%
Class 2017	92/50%	51/28%	5/3%	35/19%
Class 2018	88/44%	62/31%	4/2%	45/23%

2017-18 Middle School Activity Participants

Basketball	76	Volleyball	50
Football	26	Wrestling	13
Track	73		