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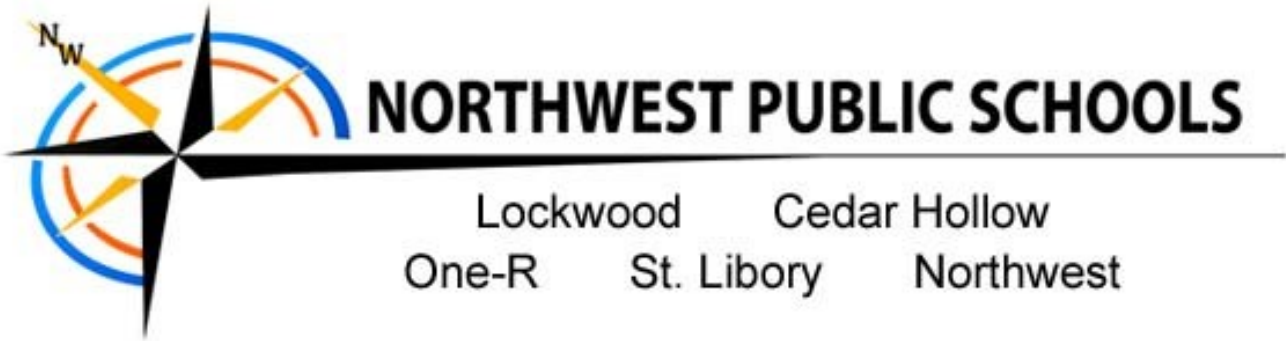
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2020-2021 Annual Report

Mission Statement

A Culture of Excellence

**An exceptional community of learners
committed to continuous growth.**





NORTHWEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Lockwood Cedar Hollow
One-R St. Libory Northwest

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District 82 A Message from the Superintendent

Northwest Community,

On behalf of everyone here at Northwest Public Schools, I would like to thank you for helping us navigate through the past 18 months of COVID. We have been faced with situations and challenges never seen before in education. Through the hard work and dedication of the Northwest staff, students and Northwest community, our students have continued to prosper both in the classroom and through activities.

About a year ago at this time, a joint committee made up of members from the Board of Education, Foundation Board, Athletic Boosters and Fine Arts Boosters met to discuss projects across the Northwest facilities. The Rosencrants Gym at the high school has received a makeover with new bleachers, a new coat of paint and redesigned floor. The high school auditorium was also renovated which included seating upgrades, new carpet, paint, lights, and a new curtain with a generous donation from JBS, Inc. and the Stueven Family Foundation.

The joint committee developed a project called “Charting our Future,” a project focused on the outside facilities at Northwest High School. The project includes the installation of field turf on the athletic field, a new grandstand and press box, new LED field lights, updated scoreboard, installation of a ticket booth and the addition of a fieldhouse. Funding for the project is being raised through a capital campaign via the Northwest Foundation (501c3); donations are tax deductible. More information on the Viking Field (Athletic Complex) Renovation and Addition Capital Campaign, please go to <https://ginorthwest.infocampaign.org/>. A donation form is also included in this newsletter.

As always, my door is open, if you have any questions, comments or concerns about our schools, district, or capital campaign, please contact me at 308-385-6398.

Dr. Jeff Edwards
Superintendent of Schools

Annual Report:

This newsletter contains the 2020-2021 Annual Report information for Northwest Public Schools. During the 2020-2021 school year, students in the Northwest school district attended classes at five sites. Lockwood houses our preschool. Cedar Hollow, 1-R, and St. Libory educate Northwest students in grades K-8. Northwest High School serves our students in grades 9 - 12. The schools in the Northwest district provide opportunities for students to attend school in small elementary settings through the 8th grade. Northwest High School provides a comprehensive secondary education in a safe environment of about 705 students.

As a patron of the Northwest district and the Northwest area, you have received this Annual Report. In this report, you will find summarizing data on students, staff, finances, and some of the district programs for the 2020-2021 school year. It is impossible to include all pertinent information; so, if additional information is desired, please contact the office of the Superintendent at 2710 N. North Road or call 308-385-6398.



2020-21 Financial Information			
Fund Valuation and Levies			
Valuation		Tax Levies	
Hall County	\$ 581,147,346	General Fund Levy	.74435
Howard County	\$ 166,485,387	Building Fund Levy	.03193
Merrick County	<u>\$ 232,951,422</u>		
Total Valuation	\$ 980,584,155		

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
20-21	.7444	.0000	.0319	----	.7763	\$ 776.28
19-20	.7855	.0294	.0314	----	.8463	\$ 846.30
18-19	.7912	.0296	.0413	.0248	.8869	\$ 886.90
17-18	.8203	.0296	.0407	.0244	.9150	\$ 915.00
16-17	.8821	.0298	.0309	.0244	.9672	\$ 967.20

General Fund Revenues		General Fund Expenditures	
Local Property Taxes	\$ 8,007,721	Instructional Services	\$ 10,907,394
Interest	11,349	Support Services (Pupils)	985,059
County Fines	49,195	Support Services	578,590
State Aid	8,933,830	General Administration (Supt & Board)	501,613
Special Ed	707,780	School Administration (Principals)	1,271,187
State Apportionment	77,660	Support Services (Business)	684,768
Federal Funds	527,579	Operation/Maintenance of Plant	1,508,831
State Grants	66,710	Transportation	511,272
Medicaid	47,033	Federal Program/State Grants	<u>568,220</u>
Other Receipts	<u>46,171</u>	Total Expenditures	\$17,514,934
Total Revenue	\$18,475,028		

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.

District Demographics



School District's Professional Staff

Number of Staff with Specialist's Degree	2
Number of Staff with Master's Degree	87
Number of Staff with Bachelor's Degree	<u>36</u>
Total:	125

School District Support Staff

Business Manager	1
Secretaries	9
Para Professionals	25
Maintenance/Custodial	15
Cafeteria Personnel	12
Technology	2
Nurse	<u>3</u>
Total:	67



2020-21 District Enrollment (Based on October 1, 2020)

Northwest High School (9-12)	707
1R, Cedar Hollow, and St. Libory (K-8)	<u>708</u>
Total K-12 Enrollment in the Northwest District	1,415

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	67,134
9th-12th Grade Lunches	40,924
Staff & Guest Lunches	<u>3,446</u>
Total Lunches	111,504

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

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Grade KD	79	92	75
Grade 1	96	80	76
Grade 2	84	95	73
Grade 3	93	86	77
Grade 4	79	91	79
Grade 5	87	83	82
Grade 6	85	89	70
Grade 7	72	87	91
Grade 8	79	72	84
Grade 9	180	195	152
Grade 10	203	178	191
Grade 11	169	193	168
Grade 12	187	179	<u>192</u>
Total	1,493	1,520	1,410
Annual Per Pupil (ADM) Expenditures	\$11,939	\$12,265	\$13,094

2020-21 High School Activity Participants

Baseball	12	Musical	160
Basketball	66	Orchestra	22
Bowling/Unified Bowling	7/6	Quiz Bowl	19
Cheerleaders	24	Show Choir	130
Cross Country	38	Skills USA	3
Drama/Play Production	25	Soccer	46
E-Sports	29	Softball	26
FBLA	49	Speech	7
FCCLA	15	Student Council	40
FFA	57	Student Trainers	7
Football	117	Swimming	9
Golf (Girls/Boys)	28	Tennis	5
Marching/Concert Band	84	Track	126
Intramural Basketball	25	Trap	50
Intramural Volleyball	0	Vikettes	10
Jazz Band	17	Vocal Music	101
Journalism	42	Volleyball	29
Mock Trial	7	Wrestling	32

Graduation Plans



	4-Year College	2-Year College	Military	Work/Undecided
Class 2018	88/44%	62/31%	4/2%	45/23%
Class 2019	75/43%	55/32%	7/4%	36/21%
Class 2020	99/57%	54/31%	5/3%	16/9%
Class 2021	92/48%	64/33%	4/2%	33/17%

2020-21 Middle School Activity Participants

Basketball	80	Track	66
Cross Country	21	Volleyball	54
Football	36	Wrestling	16
Soccer	44		

ACT State Testing

Beginning in 2018, all 11th grade students were required to take the ACT Exam. Due to the pandemic, 11th grade students did not take the ACT exam the spring of 2020.

Group	Year	Composite		Math	Science	STEM	English	Reading	Writing	ELA
		Valid Number	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score
District	2020-2021	167	19.2	19.2	19.5	19.6	17.9	19.8	6.1	17.8
State	2020-2021	21856	18.8	18.8	19.1	19.2	17.8	19.1	6.1	17.7
District	2018-2019	171	19.6	20.1	19.8	20.1	18.5	19.7	6.6	18.7
State	2018-2019	22321	19.3	19.3	19.5	19.7	18.4	19.5	6.4	18.3
District	2017-2018	189	19	19.6	19.4	19.7	17.8	18.7	5.9	17
State	2017-2018	21916	19.4	19.3	19.7	19.8	18.5	19.6	6.3	18.1

K-8 NWEA MAP Spring 2021 – National Percentile Rank

The Measures of Academic Progress test is a norm referenced test given three times a year to Northwest students in grades K-8. This test compares a child's performance to a national norm group.

Grade	Total Mathematics		Grade	Total Reading
K	97		K	96
1	80		1	78
2	66		2	84
3	85		3	67
4	69		4	76
5	60		5	60
6	69		6	70
7	70		7	58
8	84		8	77

Based on NWEA 2020 School Achievement Norms

20-21 NW Graduation Rate for 4-Year Cohort: 96.5%



*The ratio of the number of students in the Graduation Cohort who graduate with a regular high school diploma in four years or less divided by the number of students in the Graduation Cohort, including students who graduate in the summer of the Expected Graduation Year.

Additional demographics can be found at <https://nep.education.ne.gov/snapshot.html#40-0082-000>

Student Demographics 2020-2021	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	<1%
Asian	<1%
Black or African American	<1%
Hispanic or Latino	12%
White	84%
Two or More Races	2.6%
English Learners	1.5%
Gifted	10.3%
Special Education	10.8%
Free/Reduced Lunch	29.5%
Mobility	3.6%



Charting our Future



I, _____, do hereby subscribe and agree to contribute and promise to pay to the Northwest Public Schools Foundation (acting as fiscal agent of donations for the Athletic Complex Renovation Project) the sum of \$ _____, in consideration of this and other pledges to be used for the Athletic Complex Renovation Project.

I understand that this pledge can be given as a one-time donation or given over up to 3 years. The entire pledge, or first installment of a three-year pledge, will be made on or before _____.

- Viking - \$500,000.00+
 - Warrior - \$250,000.00+
 - Gjallarhorn - \$100,000.00+
 - King - \$50,000.00+
 - Longship - \$25,000.00+
 - Treasure Chest - \$10,000.00+
 - Sail - \$5,000.00+
 - Compass - \$2,500.00+
 - Key Club - \$1,000.00+
 - Gold & Black - \$500.00+
 - Other _____
- One-time donation: Check Credit Card
- Installment plan: Monthly \$ _____
(up to 36 month) # months _____
- Quarterly
 Annually in the month of _____
- Credit card information: Credit Card # _____
(if applicable) Exp. Date _____ CSC _____
- Name on Card _____

All gifts will be recognized. Gifts of \$2,500+ will be included in a permanent display at the stadium.

I understand that my pledge will be subject to all investment and administrative policies of the Northwest Public Schools Foundation. This is the entire agreement between the parties and may be altered only in writing signed by the parties.

Donor _____ Date _____
Signature

Name for Recognition Purposes _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____ Class Year _____

Prefer to remain anonymous

Accepted by the Northwest Public Schools Foundation: _____

*Donations are tax deductible



**Northwest High School
8th Graders & New Students
Student & Parent Orientation
NWHs Auditorium**



**Thursday, February 3, 2022
6pm - Open House / 7pm - Program**
Watch for email with additional information.