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FORT CALHOUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT

"Gateway to the Past...Pioneers of the Future"



ACHIEVEMENTS 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

- All schools Nebraska Department of Education Accredited
- 1-1 Chromebook Program fully implemented in grades 4-12
- *Omaha World-Herald* All State Academic Honorable Mentions
- NSAA Academic All State recognitions to 29 students in 18 activities and sports*
- 5 students with an ACT of 30 or above
- eSports Team placed 2nd in the State Championship
- Cross Country District medalists,
- Fundraising by student organizations for area charities
- Medical Careers Club's successful Community Blood Drive
- Wrestling – Conference, District, State qualifiers, and State medalists
- 139* students recognized for Pioneer Academic Achievement with straight A's, including 18 4-year awardees
- Skills USA – Hog Roast and Veterans Day Program
- 3 Skills USA State medal winners-2 Gold, 1 Silver
- Bests of Show, Outstanding Artists, Student and People's Choice Awards, Conference Awards, Gold and Silver Keys, Awards of Excellence and community art projects for works by members of the Art Classes
- Student Council fundraisers and recycling project
- Conference and District post-season honors recognition in: cross-country, volleyball, football, softball, boys' and girls' basketball, wrestling, boys' golf, baseball and track & field
- Viable TeamMates™ program at Fort Calhoun Schools
- Students selected to middle and high school Honor Choirs
- 3 Unified Sports Medalists at State Track
- Capital Conference Outstanding Artist and Best of Show
- Silver Keys/Honorable Mention in Scholastic Writing Awards
- NDE World Language Scholar
- 77* letter winners in 4 Clubs/Activities
- *Duplicated counts if in more than one class/activity/sport
- Students earned 2006 hours* of college credit completing 397 classes while attending Fort Calhoun High School
- 208* Varsity Letter winners in 13 sports
- Students selected to high school Honor Bands
- Pioneer Band Honor Medals, Elkhorn Band Olympics medalists, numerous Band Achievement Awards and 33 students represented Fort Calhoun in 7 Honor Bands including one All State Honor Band participant
- NSAA District Music Outstanding Performance
- Homecoming and Prom Royalty
- Seven 4-year, 3-sport athletes
- *Omaha World Herald* and *Lincoln Journal Star* All Area and All State recognition in all sports
- Local Spelling Bee winners
- 32* State qualifiers in 4 sports
- 3 selected to Enterprise Publishing's "9 Who Shine"
- Pinnacle Bank/Midland University Outstanding High School Leaders and scholarship program
- Metro Community College Academy and College Now participants
- Outstanding Performance recognition for Drama actors in both Conference and District performances
- 12 new inductees into National Honor Society for a total of 21
- Scholar athletes
- 15 Capital Conference Academic Medalists
- American Legion Junior Law Cadet participant
- 82 Fort Calhoun High School students were recognized as Nebraska State Colleges Multi-Activity Students by the NSAA
- MCC students on the Dean's List
- Superior and Excellent NSAA State Speech Ratings
- Nebraska Continuous Improvement Model
- Junior High Science Fair Participants/Winners

The Mission of the Fort Calhoun Community Schools is to:

FORT CALHOUN PRIDE Foster Learning in an inspiring and caring environment, provide Opportunities for all students to be successful, instill the attributes of Respect and Responsibility among staff and students alike, and present students with the Tools to Succeed in life.

GOVERNING VALUES We believe:

- ...all people can learn.
- ...in promoting the worth and self-esteem of every student.
- ...we must provide quality education for all youth according to their needs.
- ...education should be a positive experience in a safe and caring environment.
- ...everyone must be accountable for the education of youth. (Education is the shared responsibility of all.)
- ...students must be prepared to contribute to society as life-time learners.
- ...high expectations produce high achievers.



This publication contains information reflecting the 2023-24 school year. Publishing an annual report allows the Fort Calhoun Community Schools to meet Nebraska Department of Education, Rule 10 category 010.01A. More importantly, it provides an opportunity to share information with the school-community and others interested in the local schools. Data from school districts across the state can be found at the Nebraska Department of Education website. (www.education.ne.gov).

All facilities and programs in the Fort Calhoun Community Schools meet Rule 10 accreditation standards as set by the Nebraska Department of Education. The Elementary School and Junior-Senior High School continue to be part of the Nebraska Continuous Improvement Model for accreditation and school improvement.

Fort Calhoun Community Schools continue to strive toward excellence in all aspects of student success. The District has worked to identify areas of concern not just academically, but in student and staff mental health, and overall well-being. The District continues to utilize grant money and budgets for outside counselors to meet with students at school providing necessary support that might otherwise not be possible. The District also sets aside professional development time to bring in outside wellness professionals to do activities for staff and remains committed to increasing awareness, education, and providing resources for Mental Health, Safety and Wellness in our community.

STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS 2023-24

Characteristics	State Average	District
Eligible for free and reduced price meals	51.8%	15.68%
Moving in or out during the school year (mobility)	4.14%	1.43%
Learning the English language	9.15%	<1%
Receiving special education services	16.77%	21.96%
High Ability Learning	12.82%	6.33%
Attendance rate	93%	97%
Drop Out rate	2%	<1%

GRADUATION RATES

Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
District	96.43%	98.31%*	96%	99%
State	87.56%	87.12%*	87%	88%

* 4 year graduates

71 students graduated from Fort Calhoun High School in 2023
66 of the graduating seniors were offered scholarships totalling over \$3,969,000

CERTIFIED STAFF

Average Years of Teaching Experience

	State	District
2021-22	13.94	12.58
2022-23	13.86	12.17
2023-24	13.00	14.00

% of Teachers with Master's Degrees

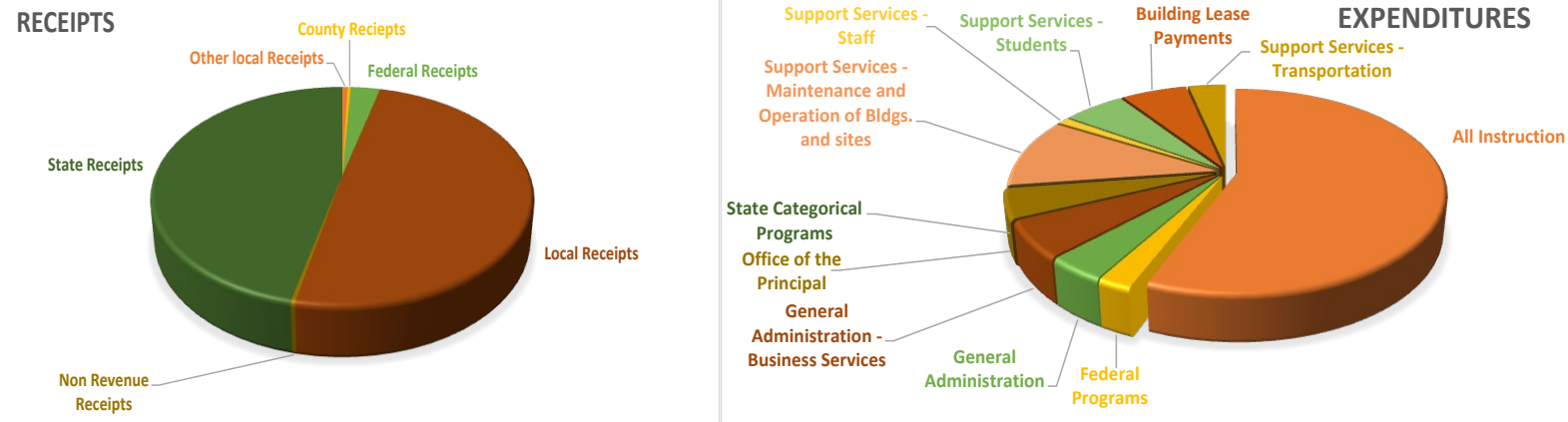
	State	District
2021-22	57.72%	55.63%
2022-23	58.25%	50.82%
2023-24	59%	55%

Average Teacher Salary

Fort Calhoun	\$61,568.00
State	\$60,377.00

Student/Teacher Ratio 16.96/1

GENERAL FUND



Receipts	Amount	Percentage
Other local Receipts	63,717	0.54%
County Receipts	35,658	0.30%
Federal Receipts	352,622	2.99%
Local Receipts	5,826,431	49.45%
Non Revenue Receipts	37,542	0.32%
State Receipts	5,465,458	46.39%
Total	11,781,428	100.00%

Expenditures	Amount	Percentage
All Instruction	6,473,596	56.06%
Federal Programs	259,890	2.25%
General Administration	451,051	3.91%
General Administration - Business Services	672,055	5.82%
Office of the Principal	540,275	4.68%
State Categorical Programs	6,516	0.06%
Support Services - Maintenance and Operation of Bldgs/Sites	1,255,832	10.87%
Support Services - Staff	121,913	1.06%
Support Services - Students	666,067	5.77%
Building Lease Payments	702,080	6.08%
Support Services - Transportation	399,205	3.46%
Total Expenditures	1,548,480	100%

VALUATION/LEVY

2019-20	\$439,192,834	0.950000
2020-21	\$485,032,322	0.950000
2021-22	\$505,989,206	0.950000
2022-23	\$544,846,565	0.950000
2023-24	\$624,189,293	0.950000

ACT

Year	Composite Scores 2017-18		
	Local	State	National
2019-20	**	**	**
2020-21	***	***	***
2021-22	20.6	19.4	19.8
2022-23	20.9	18.7	19.8
2023-24	20.7	19.1	19.4

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, NSCAS assessments and ACT tests were cancelled for 2019-20 so 2020-21 scores were not used in comparisons.

** No tests were given.

*** Scores were not used for comparison but can be found on NDE website COVID-19 Special Report

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES *

Elementary

Fall 2021 = 98%
Fall 2022 = 98%
Fall 2023 = 99%

Secondary*

Fall 2021 = 60%
Fall 2022 = 64%
Fall 2023 = 61%

Students are 1-1 with Chromebooks where student information and correspondence with teachers is continually available to parents through the Powerschool® portal.

ENROLLMENT

Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
2014-15	33	45	41	40	41	36	34	44	51	55	59	45	59	612*
2015-16	48	40	49	42	46	43	39	50	44	57	57	58	49	657*
2016-17	46	53	40	51	46	47	51	52	54	50	55	63	70	713*
2017-18	46	44	53	41	50	52	61	56	60	55	54	58	62	725*
2018-19	43	52	47	58	42	52	57	63	58	57	50	51	57	719*
2019-20	54	44	60	48	62	46	63	61	63	49	52	57	49	744*
2020-21	54	57	45	62	45	61	51	63	64	65	52	55	59	765*
2021-22	58	50	60	47	64	46	65	54	63	62	64	52	59	796*
2022-23	57	61	56	61	56	65	59	66	56	62	63	66	55	825*
2023-24	51	59	65	62	62	58	66	57	69	60	61	62	74	848*

*Includes Pre-Kindergarteners. PK-12 Fall Enrollment (Data Source, Nebraska Department of Education)

STUDENT MEALS K-12

	Breakfast	Lunch
2019-20*	15,809	67,849
2020-21	19,212	79,892
2021-22**	32,953	98,629
2022-23**	23,187	114,428
2023-24	16,992	93,793

**"Grab and Go" meals served to both enrolled students and children in the surrounding area through the Summer Foods Program from 3/16/20-6/30/20 because of the pandemic

**For 2021-22 all first meals were free to students through the USDA as part of their COVID program.



ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

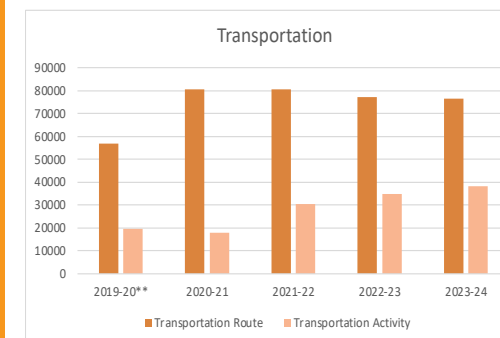
AQuESTT CLASSIFICATIONS

Classification	Elementary ELA/Math	Junior High ELA/Math	High School ELA/Math	District Rating
2023 >54 but <77	3 = Great	4 = Excellent	3 = Great	4 = Excellent
2024 >75 but <86	4 = Excellent	4 = Excellent	4 = Excellent	4 = Excellent
2023 >71	4 = Excellent	4 = Excellent	4 = Excellent	4 = Excellent
2024 >71 but <79	4 = Excellent	4 = Excellent	4 = Excellent	4 = Excellent
2023 >59 but <78	3 = Great		3 = Great	
2024 >71 but <80	4 = Excellent		4 = Excellent	

YEAR	FORT CALHOUN NSCAS GRADES 3-8			STATE		
	ELA	Math	Science	ELA	Math	Science
2020-21 **						
2021-22	54	55	86	47	46	66
2022-23	73	78	84	58	61	70
2023-24	76	80	79	59	58	74

**No comparisons released

(Numbers listed represent the percentage of student proficiency)



TRANSPORTATION

	Regular Route	Activity
2019-20*	57,018	19,742
2020-21	80,583	17,984
2021-22	80,501	30,552
2022-23	77,169	34,744
2023-24	76,604	38,352

*No school or transportation after March 11, 2020 because of the pandemic

