

ARTHUR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 500 ANNUAL REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016

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MISSION:

The mission of the Arthur County Schools is to provide quality educational experiences for all students which will help them reach their potential in an ever-changing world.

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PURPOSE

The Annual Report for the Arthur County School District 500 has been prepared for the patrons of the School District. The report contains information on assessment, demographics, instructional programs, and finance for the 2015-2016 and beginning o of the 2016-17 school year.

School district patrons can access additional information about the Arthur County School District and any other Nebraska school by going to the Nebraska Department of Education website and selecting the State of the Schools Report towards the center of the NDE home page. When you arrive at the State of the Schools Report home page, select the School District button at the top and type in Arthur County 03-0500 to select our district. You will then need to select Arthur County Schools. At the top right you will see buttons for State, District, and School. Since we are a K-12 school, most of the information will be under the District button.

Questions or comments regarding the content of this report would be appreciated. Please refer your questions or comments to Mr. Barry Schaeffer, Superintendent at 308-764-2253.

ASSESSMENT

ACT Test; Class of 2016

This report compares the achievement of Arthur County graduates who took the ACT with other 2016 graduates in Nebraska. The ACT also provides an indication of the extent to which the graduates were prepared for college-level work. The ACT consists of curriculum-based tests of educational development in English, mathematics, reading, and science designed to measure the skills needed for success in first year college coursework.

	<u>English</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Composite</u>
Arthur County Average	22.6	19.0	24.3	19.8	21.6
State Average	20.9	20.8	21.8	21.5	21.4

NeSA Assessments for Reading and Math

NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability) assessments: This chart shows the percentage of students who are meeting or exceeding the standards in reading and math over a four year period for grades 3 thru 8 and 11. Due to the number of students being under 10 in many of our classes we report out as a district. Class sizes under 10 are usually masked to help protect student identities. Data for 12-13, 13-14 and 14-15 can be found on State of Schools Report. 2016-2017 information summarizes information received from the state regarding each grades test comparisons with the state percentages.

	<u>NeSA Math and Reading Percent of Students Proficient</u>			
	<u>Reading</u>		<u>Math</u>	
	Arthur	State	Arthur	State
2012-2013	90%	77%	85%	69%
2013-2014	79%	77%	73%	72%
2014-2015	88%	80%	71%	73%
2015-2016	86%	89%	73%	73%

NeSA Assessment for Science

NeSA Assessment for Science is given to grades 5, 8, 11, this chart shows the percentage of students in each grade who meet or exceed the standards and the comparable state percentage.

	<u>NeSA Science Percent of Students Proficient</u>	
	Arthur	State
2012-2013	92%	70%
2013-2014	65%	72%
2014-2015	87%	74%
2015-2016	65%	72%

DEMOGRAPHICS

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment data as of the last Friday in September, source NSSRS data and state of schools report.

<u>Grade:</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
Pre K			1	1
K	8	9	9	11
1	10	7	11	10
2	9	8	7	9
3	10	9	8	6
4	9	9	9	7
5	10	9	10	10
6	5	8	9	9
7	4	5	8	7
8	10	3	5	9
9	10	10	3	5
10	7	9	12	4
11	5	6	9	11
<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	100	97	107	109

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Percentage of students receiving special education services compared to state percentages.

<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
Arthur County	16.00%	15.46%	15.09%
State wide	14.66%	15.74%	14.74%

ATTENDANCE RATE

The attendance rate at Arthur County Schools compared to the attendance rate in the state.

<u>ATTENDANCE RATE</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
Arthur County	96%	95%	95%	95%
State wide	95%	95%	95%	95%

STAFF INFORMATION

EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION

<u>OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF:</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Bachelor's Degree or BA plus graduate hours:	2	2	1	1
Bachelor's Degree plus at least 27 hours:	4	5	6	7
<u>Master's Degree or MA plus graduate hours:</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
Total teaching staff excluding Superintendent:	15	17	19	20

INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS AND HOURS

Instructional units are a measure of the number of subjects taught in grades 9 through 12. Nebraska requires a minimum of 400 instructional units per year. One class scheduled for 50 minutes a day for 180 days a year is rated as having 10 instructional units. Instructional Units are different from Credits

<u>Subject Area</u>	Minimum # of Units <u>Required</u>	Current # of Units <u>Offered</u>
Language Arts	60	60
Social Sciences	40	50
Mathematics	40	50
Science	40	50
Foreign Language	20	30
Vocational/Career Education	80	100
Health and Physical Education	20	30
Visual and Performing Arts	40	45
	<u>340</u>	<u>415</u>
Total Instructional Units Required	400	

INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS

The number of hours of instruction that a school actually completes is a quantitative performance measure. The Department of Education and policy mandate that we complete the following number of instructional hours. Kindergarten a minimum of 400 hours. Grades 1st through 8th; 1032 hours, and 9-12; 1080 hours. Kindergarten is kept separate from the 1st through 8th because in the first half of the year we take time off for rest time, which cannot be counted towards instructional hours. JH Sports practices also do not count towards those instructional hours, but those hours of PE not during sports season are counted. Seniors may be dismissed earlier than 9th through 11 so hours and days may be different.

	Days In Session	Instructional Hours	Days In Session	Instructional Hours
	<u>Grades 1-6</u>	-	<u>Kindergarten</u>	
2012-13	160.00	1152.00	160.00	1112.00
2013-14	158.80	1143.00	158.80	1103.00
2014-15	172.00	1200.55	172.00	1074.00
2015-16	165.00	1190.08	165.00	1150.08

	Days In Session	Instructional Hours	Days In Session	Instructional Hours
	<u>Grades 9-11</u>		<u>Grade 12</u>	
2012-13	170.00	1222.87	170.00	1222.87
2013-14	168.80	1214.23	165.80	1195.41
2014-15	172.00	1208.55	172.00	1208.55
2015-16	165.00	1190.08	165.00	1190.08

	Days In Session	Instructional Hours
	<u>Grades 7-8</u>	
2012-13	170.00	1077.00
2013-14	168.80	1069.00
2014-15	172.00	1063.00
2015-16	165.00	1086.00

FINANCE

Valuation:

Valuation refers to the total amount of property value located within the school district which is the tax base for school district operations. This shows the total valuations over a ten year period, and the percentage of change each year. We currently receive taxes from three different counties. Arthur, Keith, and McPherson and up until the 2014-2015 year we also received taxes from Grant county. The second table shows a breakdown of valuations in each county and total valuation available from 2013-14 to 2016-17. Data Sources Certificates of Valuations from County Clerks and Data from Department of Education Finance and Organization Service

<u>Year</u>	Total Valuation	%Change prior yr.
2006-2007	\$ 95,129,487.00	
2007-2008	\$ 101,656,778.00	6.86%
2008-2009	\$ 140,111,928.00	37.83%
2009-2010	\$ 126,940,949.00	-9.40%
2010-2011	\$ 140,275,185.00	10.50%
2011-2012	\$ 129,880,188.00	-7.41%
2012-2013	\$ 137,464,223.00	5.84%
2013-2014	\$ 146,481,817.00	6.56%
2014-2015	\$ 161,187,109.00	10.04%
2015-2016	\$ 194,283,611.00	20.53%
2016-2017	\$ 225,137,414.00	15.88%

County	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Arthur County	\$ 141,064,930.00	\$ 155,319,387.00	\$ 187,005,151.00	\$ 217,109,881.00
McPherson County	\$ 4,509,328.00	\$ 5,198,440.00	\$ 6,457,479.00	\$ 7,040,096.00
Keith County	\$ 644,508.00	\$ 669,282.00	\$ 820,981.00	\$ 987,437.00
Grant County	\$ 263,051.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Valuation	\$ 146,481,817.00	\$ 161,187,109.00	\$ 194,283,611.00	\$ 225,137,414.00

TAX RATE OR LEVY – This is the amount per \$100 of valuation requested by the district to collect funds for the operation of the district. State statute sets the maximum levy amount at \$1.05. Funds requested that are included in the lid are the General Fund, and the Building fund. Arthur County does not have a Bond Fund nor has it established a QCPUF (Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund). The QCPUF is outside of the \$1.05 Lid. Source of Information NDE Finance and Organization Services Data.

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Bond Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>
2006-07	0.9493	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.9493
2007-08	0.9511	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.9511
2008-09	0.9954	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.9954
2009-10	0.9736	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.9736
2010-11	0.9641	0.0072	0.0000	0.0000	0.9713
2011-12	0.9505	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.9505
2012-13	0.8272	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.8272
2013-14	0.9529	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.9529
2014-15	0.9713	0.0282	0.0000	0.0000	0.9995
2015-16	0.9202	0.0365	0.0000	0.0000	0.9566
2016-17	0.9646	0.0336	0.0000	0.0000	0.9982

FUND BALANCES

This information is a comparison of the fund balances for 2012-13 through 2014-2015. These balances reflect the beginning and ending balances in each fund through the fiscal year and the differences from year to year. Data source Audit reports and AFR information.

	General Fund		Depreciation Fund		Building Fund	
	Beginning	Ending	Beginning	Ending	Beginning	Ending
2012-13						
Cash	734,088.80	659,089.00	226,192.00	227,871.00	15,102.34	15,167.00
County Treasurer's Balance	392,327.28	300,865.00				
Total	1,126,416.08	959,954.00	226,192.00	227,871.00	15,102.34	15,167.00
Difference (11-12 to 12-13)	32,309.25	(166,462.08)	37,646.61	227,871.00	574.21	64.66
2013-14						
Cash	659,089.00	325,113.00	227,871.00	325,529.00	15,102.00	15,167.00
County Treasurer's Balance	300,865.00	451,209.00				
Total	959,954.00	776,322.00	227,871.00	325,529.00	15,102.00	15,167.00
Difference (12-13 to 13-14)	(166,462.08)	(183,632.00)	1,679.00	97,658.00	(0.34)	-
2014-15						
Cash	325,113.00	271,710.00	325,529.00	326,534.00	15,167.00	53,765.00
County Treasurer's Balance	451,209.00	426,533.00				
Total	776,322.00	698,243.00	325,529.00	326,534.00	15,167.00	53,765.00
Difference (13-14 to 14-15)	(183,632.00)	(78,079.00)	97,658.00	1,005.00	65.00	38,598.00
2015-2016						
Cash	271,710.00	293,050.76	326,534.00	262,741.00	53,765.00	39,310.00
County Treasurer's Balance	426,533.00	465,972.20				
Total	698,243.00	759,022.96	326,534.00	262,741.00	53,765.00	39,310.00
Difference (14-15 to 15-16)	(78,079.00)	60,779.96	1,005.00	(63,793.00)	38,598.00	(14,455.00)

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS

General Fund Expenditures

This chart shows disbursements by category with a comparison to the state wide average.

Data sources: audit and NDE Finance and Organization Services Data.

	2014-15		2014-15	2015-16	
	District	District	State wide	District	District
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>% of total</u>	<u>average</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>% of total</u>
ALL INSTRUCTION Includes regular and special education.	1,488,557.60	65.66%	61.1718%	1,598,882.96	67.04%
SUPPORT SERVICES - PUPILS Includes guidance	47,753.14	2.11%	3.4967%	92,589.76	3.88%
SUPPORT SERVICES - STAFF Includes media and staff development	32,844.53	1.45%	3.0445%	31,609.21	1.33%
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION Includes Board, Supt. and business office.	200,426.91	8.84%	2.8384%	205,614.50	8.62%
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL Includes Principal and school office.	1,171.84	0.05%	5.1786%	75,720.98	3.17%
SUPPORT SERVICES BUSINESS Student Health Insurance, Audit and other Misc.	19,714.80	0.87%	2.3430%	36,330.54	1.52%
SUPPORT SERVICES MAINTENANCE OF PLANT Repairs and Maintenance, Rentals and leases, Teacherage	165,929.42	7.32%	10.1663%	121,667.80	5.10%
SUPPORT SERVICES OPERATION OF PLANT Custodial costs, Utilities, and Supplies	126,294.55	5.57%	Included in Maintenance	90,769.08	3.81%
SUPPORT SERVICES - PUPIL TRANSPORTATION Bus Costs, Driver Salaries, etc.	149,527.81	6.60%	3.7757%	88,238.88	3.70%
STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS Includes HAL, IDEA, and REAP	34,905.00	1.54%	5.8588%	35,697.14	1.50%
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS Activities, Depreciation, Student Fees	=	0.00%	0.39500%	8,000.00	0.34%
TOTAL:	2,267,125.60	100%	98.2688%	2,385,120.85	100%

Note: we don't offer some programs that are offered throughout the state and therefore don't have the costs associated with those programs. The percentage for the state average would then be less than 100 percent because of those missing costs.

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

This chart shows receipts by category with a comparison to the state wide average. Data sources: audit and NDE Finance and Organization Service Data.

	2014-15		2014-15	2015-16	
	<u>District Receipts</u>	<u>District % of total</u>	<u>State wide average</u>	<u>District Receipts</u>	<u>District % of total</u>
LOCAL SOURCES Property tax, motor vehicle tax, & other.	1,570,985.32	71.77%	55.4072%	1,758,977.50	71.92%
COUNTY SOURCES Includes fines and license fees.	6,440.77	0.29%	0.5276%	6,488.82	0.27%
STATE AID State Aid to schools only.	316,795.38	14.47%	26.3758%	376,835.85	15.41%
OTHER STATE SOURCES Includes special ed., apportionment, etc.	230,802.07	10.54%	10.7099%	268,582.13	10.98%
FEDERAL SOURCES Special Ed IDEA, Medicaid in Public Schools, REAP	33,138.90	1.51%	6.3079%	33,934.31	1.39%
OTHER Insurance Claims and Non-revenue receipts.	30,884.53	1.41%	0.6716%	1,082.00	0.04%
TOTAL:	2,189,046.97	100%	100.00%	2,445,900.61	100%