



FORT CALHOUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT
“Gateway to the Past...Pioneers of the Future”



ACHIEVEMENTS 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

- 1-1 Chromebook Program fully implemented in grades 7-12
 - Elementary School renovations completed and open
 - *Omaha World-Herald* Outstanding Scholars and All State Academic Honorable Mention
 - 87% of our senior class earned college credit at Fort Calhoun
 - *Lincoln Journal Star* NSAA Academic All State in all sports and activities
 - Cross Country, Boys –District and State medalists, Girls District medalists and State Participants and medalists
 - Middle School Honor Choirs and Bands
 - Fundraising by student organizations with donations to area charities
 - Wrestling – Conference, District, State qualifiers, State medalists and State medalists
 - American Legion Girls’ State State and Junior Law Cadet participants
 - Fort Calhoun Honor Roll Awards
 - Skills USA – Hog Roast and Veterans Day Program
 - Omaha Summer Arts Young Artist Awards
 - Student Council fund raisers 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
 - Girls Cross Country: State Medalists - Boys Cross Country
 - Having a viable TeamMates™ program at Fort Calhoun Schools
 - Conference Quiz Bowl Champions
 - Elkhorn Band Olympics medalist
 - American Legion Girls State
- NCPA All State Basketball recognition
 - Nebraska School Activities Association Academic All-State honors – all sports & activities
 - Homecoming Royalty
 - *Omaha World Herald* and *Lincoln Journal Star* All Area and All State recognition in all sports
 - Audubon Art Society “Best of Show” and Competition Winners
 - Scholastic and Conference Art Show winners
 - Local and County Spelling Bee winners
 - Scholastic Art Award winners
 - Washington County Outstanding History winner
 - Audubon Society Art recognitions
 - 167 letter winners* in Varsity Sports
 - 10 State sports qualifiers
 - 1 State Champion
 - Nebraska State Fair ribbon honors
 - 3 selected to Enterprise Publishing’s “9 Who Shine”
 - Pinnacle Bank/Midland University Outstanding High School Leaders and scholarship program
 - *Omaha World Herald* All Academic recognition
 - Greater Omaha-Council Bluffs Area Council on Youth Leadership participants
 - Wesleyan Honor Band participants
 - Prom Royalty
 - State sport participants
 - 5 Seniors to continue sports in college
 - SuccessfullCommunity Blood Drive
 - Recent graduate calling basketball games on National TV

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fort Calhoun Community Schools is to 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:

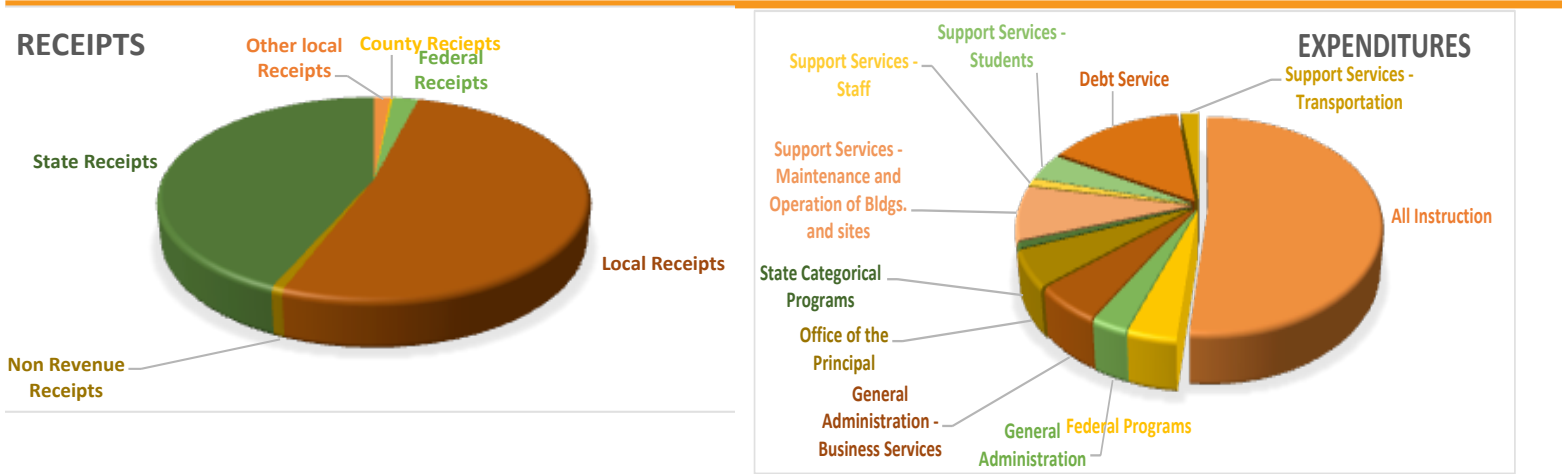
 - ...all people can learn.
 - ...in promoting the worth and self-esteem of every student.
 - ...we must provide quality education for all youth according to their needs.
 - ...education should be a positive experience in a safe and caring environment.
 - ...everyone must be accountable for the education 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.
 - ...the future of our democratic society depends upon education and involved citizens
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This publication contains information reflecting the 2020-21 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 are members of Nebraskas Frameworks Accreditation System for accreditation and school improvement.

The District was one of 13 districts in the State which received a rank of “EXCELLENT” for Achievement in 2018-19 and again in 2019-20 and the Fort Calhoun Jr-Sr High School was named as one of 5 schools in Nebraska as a Blue Ribbon for Excellence award winner. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic and the mandate to close schools, there were no State tests measuring student achievement in the Spring of 2020; there was also no State-mandated ACT testing for Juniors, so there is no ACT information for last school year. The pandemic also affected the Meal Service and Transportation numbers. There was no further bus service after March 11, 2020 and the meals served were “Grab and Go” through the Summer Food Service Program.



2020-21 Receipts		
Other local Receipts	174,260	1.49%
County Receipts	23,064	0.20%
Federal Receipts	271,103	2.32%
Local Receipts	6,052,376	51.80%
Non Revenue Receipts	86,944	0.74%
State Receipts	5,076,322	43.45%
Total	11,684,069	100.00%

2020-21 Expenditures		
All Instruction	5,269,596	51.57%
Federal Programs	396,420	3.88%
General Administration	291,555	2.85%
General Administration - Business Services	551,085	5.39%
Office of the Principal	544,644	5.33%
State Categorical Programs	95,974	0.94%
Support Services - Maintenance and Operation of Bldgs. and sites	819,558	8.02%
Support Services - Staff	115,947	1.13%
Support Services - Students	420,543	4.12%
Debt Service	1,511,933	14.80%
Support Services - Transportation	200,962	1.97%
Total Expenditures	10,218,217	100%

VALUATION/LEVY		
2016-17	\$373,046,608	0.950000
2017-18	\$381,337,673	0.950000
2018-19	\$410,175,566	0.950000
2019-20	\$439,192,834	0.950000
2020-21	\$485,032.322	0.950000

- Direct comparisons of assessment data with previous years is not appropriate for many reasons:
- Changing nature of NSCAS Summative (movement to through-year adaptive)
 - Shortened assessment to preserve instructional time
 - Large changes in enrollment
 - Large differences in participation rates
 - Increase of non-participants were not representative of the whole population

- COVID-19 impact on 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years:
- Decrease in opportunity to learn in the spring of 2020
 - Inability to accurately administer assessments to test students remotely
 - Uncertainty of impacts on opportunity to learn in 2020-21
 - Mixture of remote, in-person, and hybrid learning
 - Lack of standardization for educational opportunities across the state and across years
 - Impact of trauma on the ability of individual students to demonstrate what they know and can do

STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS 2020-21		
Characteristics	State Average	District
Eligible for free and reduced price meals	46.38%	18.69%
Moving in or out during the school year (mobility)	9.12%	5.46%
Learning the English language	7.25%	<1%
Receiving special education services	15.67%	19.37%
High Ability Learning	13.10%	8.05%
Attendance rate	93.21%	95.5%
Drop Out rate	1.29%	0%

GRADUATION RATES				
Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
District	100%	100%	100%	96.43%
State	89%	88%	100%	87.56%

54 students graduated from Fort Calhoun High School in 2021
__% of the students were bound for post-secondary education opportunities
31 graduating seniors were offered scholarships totalling over \$1,614,000.00

ACT			
Year	Composite Scores	2017-18	
	Local	State	National
2016-17	22.5	21.4	21.0
2017-18*	19.8	20.1	20.8
2018-19	21.26	20.0	20.7
2019-20	*	*	*
2020-21	*	*	*

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

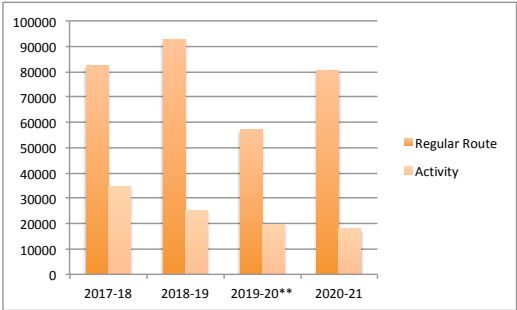
*For 2018 NDE adopted College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS) to align with the state Mathematics assessment standards creating a new baseline for proficiency. Fort Calhoun's proficiency levels along with those of all other states adopting this program showed change as a result of these increased expectations.

ENROLLMENT														
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
2012-13	38	34	34	31	34	41	43	56	57	47	59	52	63	589
2013-14	40	38	37	39	32	33	41	50	54	55	50	60	51	580
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*

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

TRANSPORTATION		
	Regular Route	Activity
2016-17*	89744	27048
2017-18	82349	34785
2018-19	92494	25237
2019-20**	57018	19742
2020-21	80583	17984

*Option bus route added full time
**No school or transportation after March 11, 2020 because of the pandemic



CERTIFIED STAFF		
Average Years of Teaching Experience		
	State	District
2018-19	14.01	12.51
2019-20	13.96	13.12
2020-21	1409	15.13

% of Teachers with Master's Degrees		
	State	District
2018-19	55.99%	46.81%
2019-20	58%	58%
2020-21	56.8%	59.7%

Average Teacher Salary	
Fort Calhoun	\$56,109.00
State	\$56,582.00

Student/Teacher Ratio 14.75/1

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES	
Elementary	
Fall 2018 = 98%	
Fall 2019 = 98%	
Fall 2020 = 99%	
Secondary*	
Fall 2018 = 64%	
Fall 2019 = 59% *	
Fall 2020 = 42% *	

*Fort Calhoun Jr-Sr High is a 1-1 Chromebook school where student information and correspondence with teachers is continually available to parents through the Powerschool® portal.

STUDENT MEALS K-12		
	Breakfast	Lunch
2016-17	4911	81557
2017-18*	8772	80219
2018-19	6930	75853
2019-20**	15809	67849
2020-21	19212	79892

*First year full time breakfast at the Jr-Sr High School
**“Grab and Go” meals served to both enrolled students and children in the surrounding area through the Summer Foods

