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FORT CALHOUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT

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



ACHIEVEMENTS 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

- 1-1 Chromebook Program fully implemented in grades 4-12
- *Omaha World-Herald* All State Academic Honorable Mention recognition
- NSAA Academic All State with 14 students being recognized in 27 activities and sports*
- 2 students with an ACT of 30 or above
- Cross Country, Boys –District medalists, Girls District medalists and State participants
- Fundraising by student organizations with donations to area charities
- Medical Careers Club's successful Community Blood Drive
- Wrestling – Conference, District, State qualifiers, and State medalists
- 123 students recognized for Pioneer Academic Achievement with straight A's, including 20 4-year awardees
- Skills USA – Hog Roast and Veterans Day Program
- 4 Skills USA State placers including one State Champion
- 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 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
- Viable TeamMates™ program at Fort Calhoun Schools
- 17* students selected to 4 high school Honor Choirs
- * Students earned 315 hours* of college credit while attending Fort Calhoun High School

- 191* Varsity Letter winners in 12 sports
- 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
- Homecoming and Prom Royalty
- Six 4-year, 3-sport athletes
- *Omaha World Herald* and *Lincoln Journal Star* All Area and All State recognition in all sports
- Local and County Spelling Bee winners
- 35* State qualifiers in 4 sports
- 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
- Metro Community College Academy and College Now participants with 4 State Skills USA medalists
- Outstanding Performance recognition for Drama actors in both Conference and District performances
- 10 new inductees into National Honor Society for a total of 26
- Scholar athletes
- Capital Conference Academic Medalists
- American Junior Law Cadet participant
- 69 Fort Calhoun High School students were recognized as Nebraska State Colleges Multi-Activity Students by the NSAA
- 17* MCC students on the Dean's List
- * 3 students selected for the UNO Honor Choir

• **Duplicated count if in more than one class/activity/sport*

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.



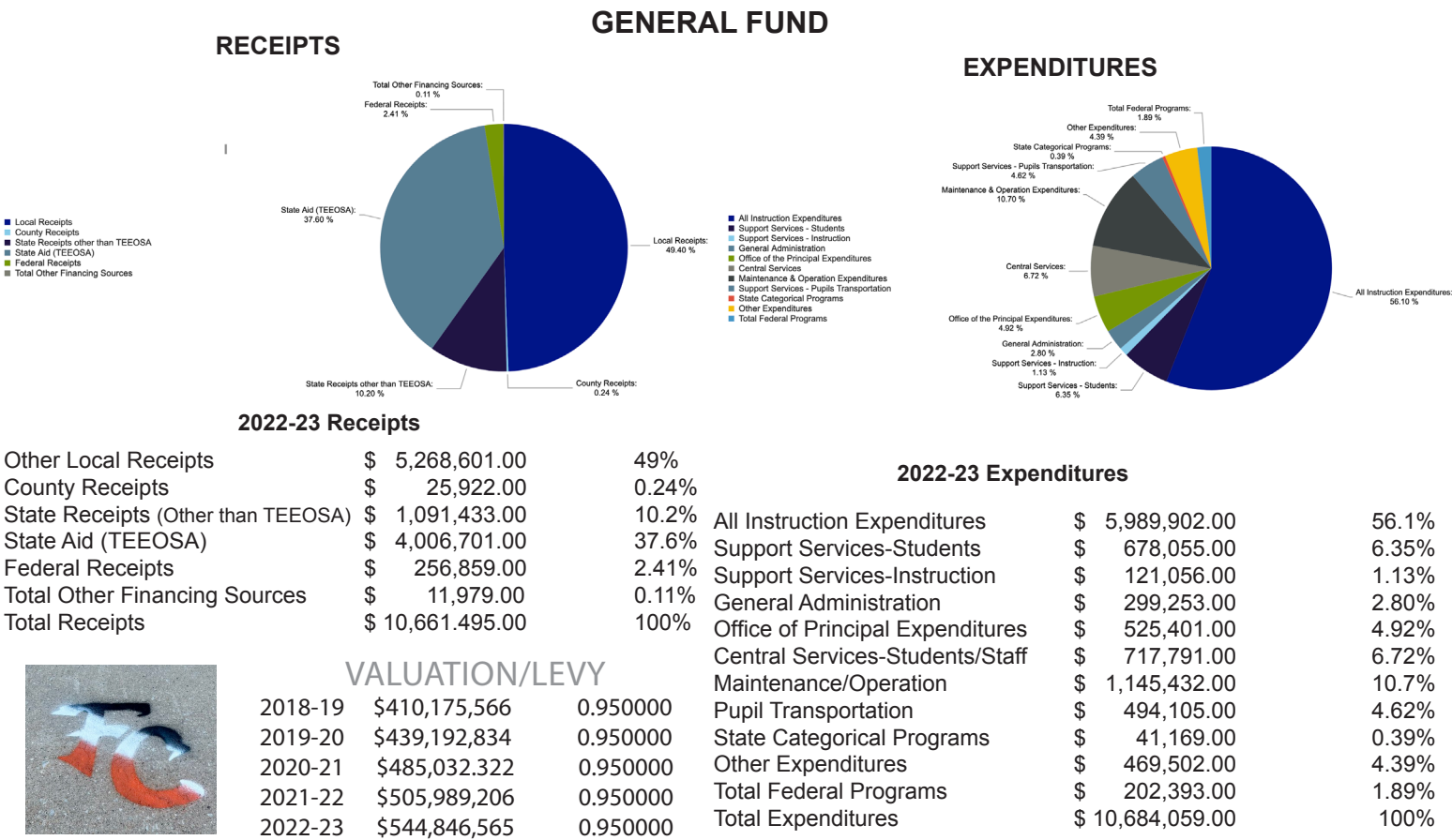


hosted a staff mental health day where presenters focused on self-help along with recognition of and information on student mental health. Fort Calhoun Community Schools also held a community mental health conference that hosted over twenty-five agencies and several individual presentations from professional health care providers. The goal of the event was to increase awareness, educate, and provide resources for Mental Health, Safety, and Wellness in our community.

This publication contains information reflecting the 2022-23 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



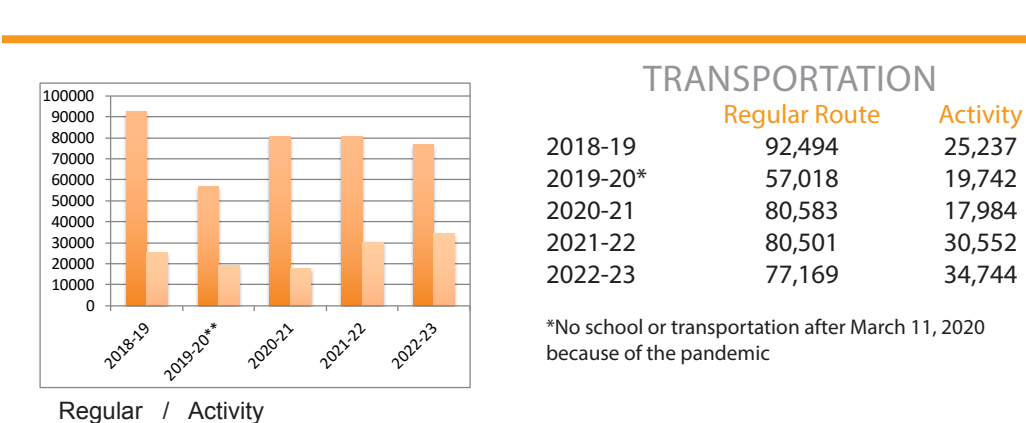
ASSESSMENT INFORMATION			
AQuESTT CLASSIFICATIONS			
Elementary ELA/Math		Classification	
2022 >54 but <77		3 = Great	
2023 >54 but <77		3 = Great	
Junior High ELA/Math		Classification	
2022 >32 but <51		2 = Good	
2023 >71		4 = Excellent	
High School ELA/Math		Classification	
2022 >34 but <59		2 = Good	
2023 >59 but <78		3 = Great	
District Rating		Classification	
2022		3 = Great	
2023		4 = Excellent	

STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS 2022-23			
Characteristics	State Average	District	
Eligible for free and reduced price meals	50%	14%	
Moving in or out during the school year (mobility)	3.91%	.086%	
Learning the English language	8%	<1%	
Receiving special education services	16%	21%	
High Ability Learning	13%	7%	
Attendance rate	93%	96%	
Drop Out rate	1%	0%	

GRADUATION RATES				
Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
District	100%	96.43%	98.31%*	96%
State	100%	87.56%	87.12%*	87%
* 4 year graduates				
49 students graduated from Fort Calhoun High School in 2023				
95% of the students were bound for post-secondary education opportunities				
40 of the graduating seniors were offered scholarships totalling over \$2,520,000				

ACT			
Year	Composite Scores	2017-18	
	Local	State	National
2017-18*	19.8	20.1	20.8
2018-19	21.26	20.0	20.7
2019-20	**	**	**
2020-21	***	***	***
2021-22	20.6	19.4	19.8
2022-23	20.9•	18.7	19.8
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.			
• Places Fort Calhoun in the top 1/2 of Conference Schools			
*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.			
** No tests were given.			
*** Scores were not used for comparison but can be found on NDE website COVID-19 Special Report			

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



CERTIFIED STAFF		
Average Years of Teaching Experience		
	State	District
2020-21	14.09	15.13
2021-22	13.94	12.58
2022-23	13.86	12.17
% of Teachers with Master's Degrees		
	State	District
2020-21	56.8%	59.7%
2021-22	57.72%	55.63%
2022-23	58.25%	50.82%
Average Teacher Salary		
Fort Calhoun	\$59,043.00	
State	\$58,923.00	
Student/Teacher Ratio	15.66/1	

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES	
Elementary	
Fall 2020 = 99%	
Fall 2021 = 98%	
Fall 2022 = 98%	
Secondary*	
Fall 2020 = 42%*	
Fall 2021 = 60%	
Fall 2022 = 64%	
*Secondary students are 1-1 with Chromebooks where student information and correspondence with teachers is continually available to parents through the Powerschool® portal.	

STUDENT MEALS K-12		
	Breakfast	Lunch
2018-19	6,930	75,853
2019-20*	15,809	67,849
2020-21	19,212	79,892
2021-22**	32,953	98,629
2022-23	23,187	114,428
**"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		

