



2024-2025

Fillmore Central Public Schools

Annual Report



INTRODUCTION

This report contains information concerning general facts, enrollments, student progress, test scores, learning climate, and financial statistics. It is meant to communicate the status of the Fillmore Central Public Schools to the residents of the District. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's office at 402-759-4955.

Fillmore Central Schools has three campus sites, a K-4 elementary located at 17th and H streets in Geneva, a 5-8 middle school in Fairmont located at 950 F Street, and a 9-12 High School located at 14th and L streets in Geneva. The entire district is located in Fillmore County, and covers an area of approximately 245 square miles. The Fillmore Central School District began in the 2000-2001 school year and formed with the merger of the Geneva and Fairmont school districts. Later, parts of the Grafton, Iowa, and Strang school districts also joined Fillmore Central.

MISSION STATEMENT

Fillmore Central Public Schools mission is to provide all students the opportunity and support to achieve excellence, develop responsibility, and become life-long learners.



SCHOOL STAFF

The Fillmore Central Public Schools teaching staff has the responsibility of teaching, supervising, and evaluating students. Classroom teachers numbered 47.0 FTE during the 2024-2025 school year. Thirty-four members of our teaching staff have Masters degrees. Support Staff is comprised of secretaries, para-professionals, maintenance personnel, bus drivers, and food service personnel. Support staff totaled 40 positions.

GOVERNANCE

The Fillmore Central Board of Education members for the 2024-2025 school year were:

Chad Engle, President
Shaun Farmer, Vice President
Christin Lovegrove, Secretary
Nate Girmus, Member
Whitney Peppard, Member
Adam Wallin, Member

All meetings are open to the public. Notice is given in the Nebraska Signal, and minutes of each meeting are published in the Signal, available at the Superintendent's office, or available on our website at www.fillmorecentral.org

TRANSPORTATION

Fillmore Central Schools provides before school and after school transportation to all our rural students. We also provide a morning and afternoon shuttle to the middle school in Fairmont. Tyke (ages 3-4) transportation is also provided for students with verified disabilities to the preschool.

CURRICULUM

Fillmore Central Schools is a class III school district, fully accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education. Fillmore Central makes every effort to comply with the rules and regulations of Rule 10, which guides our class offerings and credits of instruction.



SPECIAL SERVICES

Diagnosis, evaluation, and services for special education, speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, licensed mental health practitioner, and school nurse are provided either through Fillmore Central Schools, ESU 6, Fillmore County Hospital, or by private contract.

The SUCCESS program, operated through ESU 6 is housed at the three Fillmore Central buildings. This program provides services for students with special needs that cannot be met in the typical classroom environment. During the 2024-2025 school year, SUCCESS had a staff of 3 teachers and 10.5 para-professionals working in the Fillmore Central Buildings serving 14 students.

The TYKE Preschool Program, for students below age 5, is also housed within the Fillmore Central Elementary School. The TYKE program employed 2 teachers and 2.5 para-professionals, and served 57 students. We also served 11 home-based students or students at Fillmore County Head Start.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Fillmore Central Public Schools has a school improvement committee made up of 15-20 members including board members, administrators, teachers, parents, and patrons. The committee works to gather and analyze student performance data and then formulates goals and plans designed to improve upon identified areas for improvement.

During the 2023-2024 school year, Fillmore Central had an external team visitation on March 12th and 13th. Members of the external visitation team included Justin Frederick of Madison Public Schools, Christine Radcliff of Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools, Cody Bobolz of Bennington Public Schools, Cameron Soester of Louisville Public Schools, Landon Mackey of Madison Public Schools, and Josh Lynch of Yutan Public Schools.

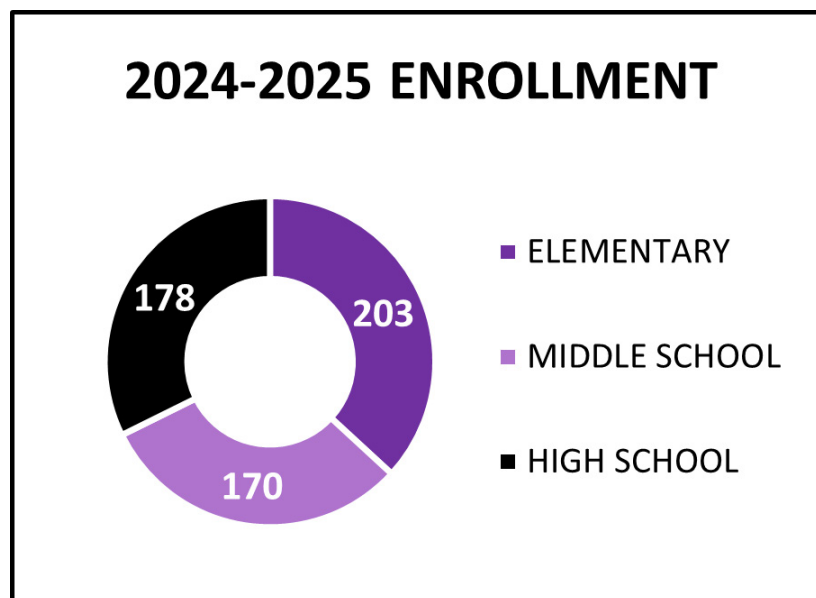
The External Visitation to Fillmore Central Public Schools was to assist the school in selecting and fulfilling school improvement goals and plans by adding an outside, objective view of the school improvement processes, enlist the professional advice of colleagues from outside of the school, and increase the depth of understanding for moving forward to achieve school improvement initiatives.

The External Visit also fulfills the Rule 10 requirements that all accredited schools must host an external visit once during a five-year cycle.

ENROLLMENT

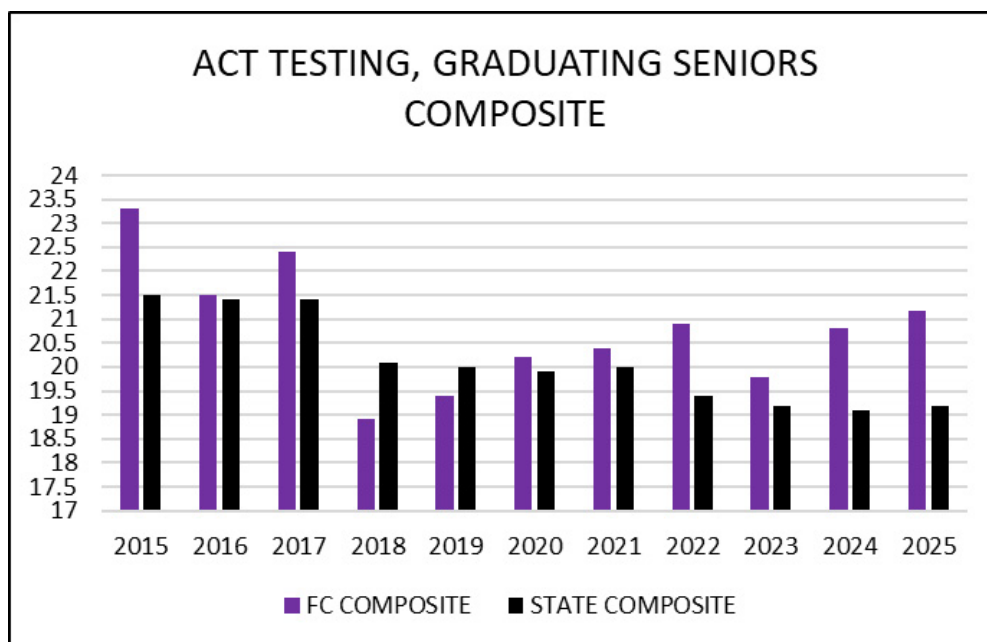
Enrollment at Fillmore Central for 2024-2025 by building was PK (54), K-4 (203), 5-8 (170), and 9-12 (178) for a total enrollment of 605 (the official count cut off is October 1st). The largest classes were the 5th grade (55) and 9th grade (51). The smallest class was the 12th Grade (35). Fillmore Central contracted 26 different students with the Heartland Boys Home at various times during the year.

There are also 21 students that are home-schooled within our district. Our average daily membership (includes Pre-K) was 595.89 ADM; average daily attendance was 563.74 ADA; Student attendance rate was 94.4%.



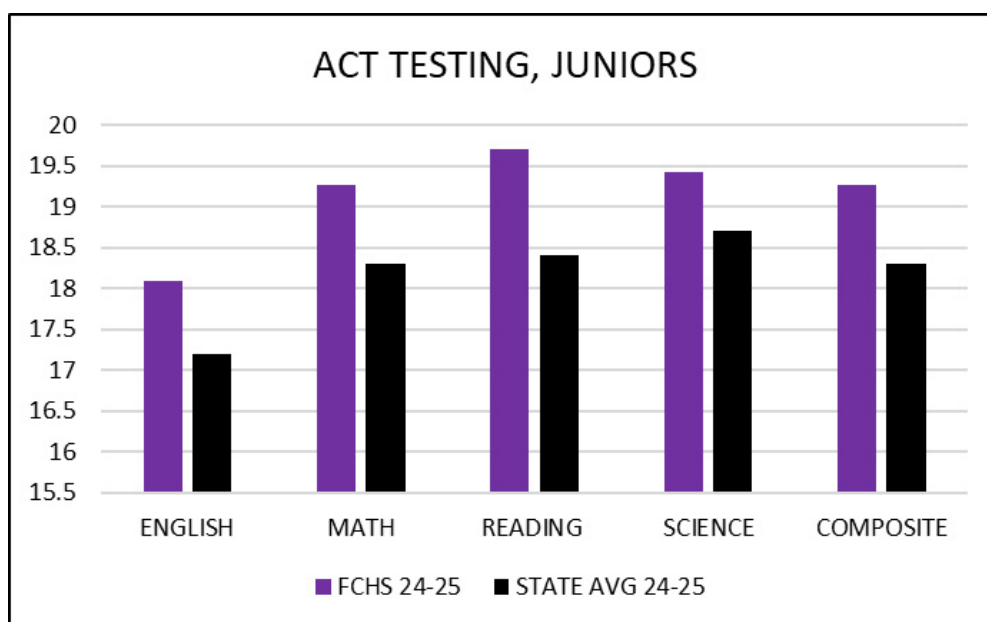
ACT TESTING, GRADUATING SENIORS

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. The following shows our scores over the past seven years. In 2018 the Nebraska Department of Education made the ACT the state test for juniors. Beginning in 2018, all juniors were required to take this test in the spring.



ACT TESTING, JUNIORS

All juniors are now required to take the ACT Test each spring. These are our spring 2025 results for our Juniors compared to the State Average on the ACT Test for Nebraska juniors.



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High School Highlights



ESPORTS - New Activity

An ESports team was added as a high school activity during the 2024-2025 school year. Fourteen members, along with Coach Mr. Jeff Schwarz, accomplished a lot in their first season.

Superior Honor Band

Fillmore Central High School band members Aaden, Amity, Olivia, and Ashtin attended the Superior Honor Band in Superior with Dr. Louis Eckhardt as the clinician.

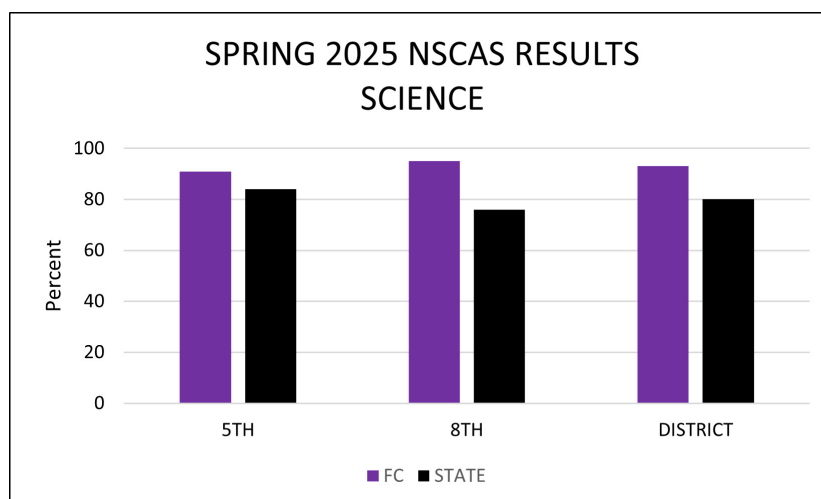
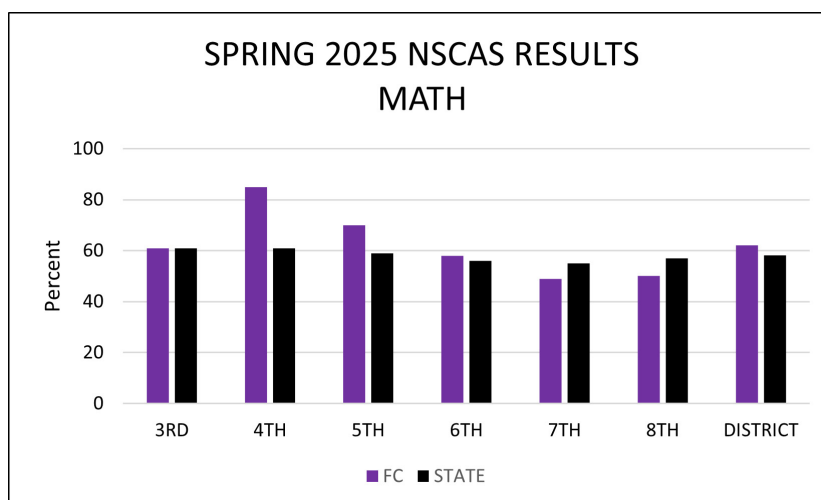
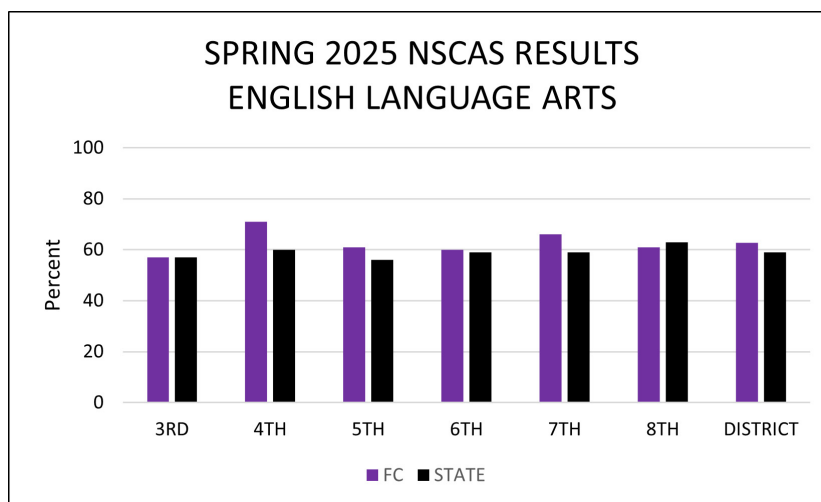


Industrial Tech Project

Mr. Wusk's industrial tech class built a ticket booth for the outdoor athletic events. The students did all the planning and building for this project. Thank you Jaret Potthoff, Chase Myers, Zach Korbelik, Landon Stephenson, and Mr. Wusk for the great addition to our facilities!

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE NSCAS TEST RESULTS

The State of Nebraska has a test for grades 3–8 in both English/language arts and math. These tests are based on the Nebraska State Standards, and determine whether our students are proficient in those standards. The graphs reflect the percent of students scoring on track or at the college and career ready (advanced) levels.



THERE ARE NO NSCAS SCORES FOR GRADES 3RD, 4TH, 6TH OR 7TH SCIENCE



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Middle School Highlights

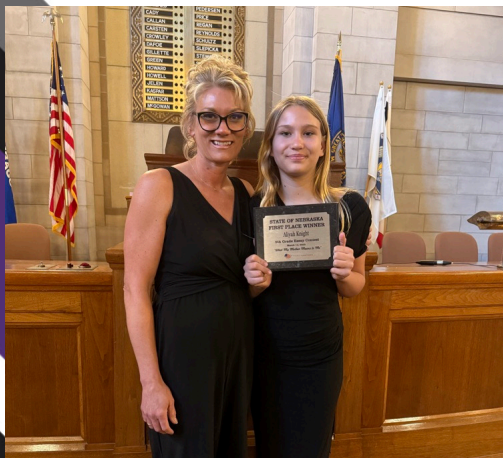


What's on your fork?

In partnership with Fillmore County Hospital, Jenni Hoarty and Mrs. Hofferber educate students about healthy foods. During this "What's on Your Fork?" assembly, students learned about the super food edamame.

Hands-on Experiments

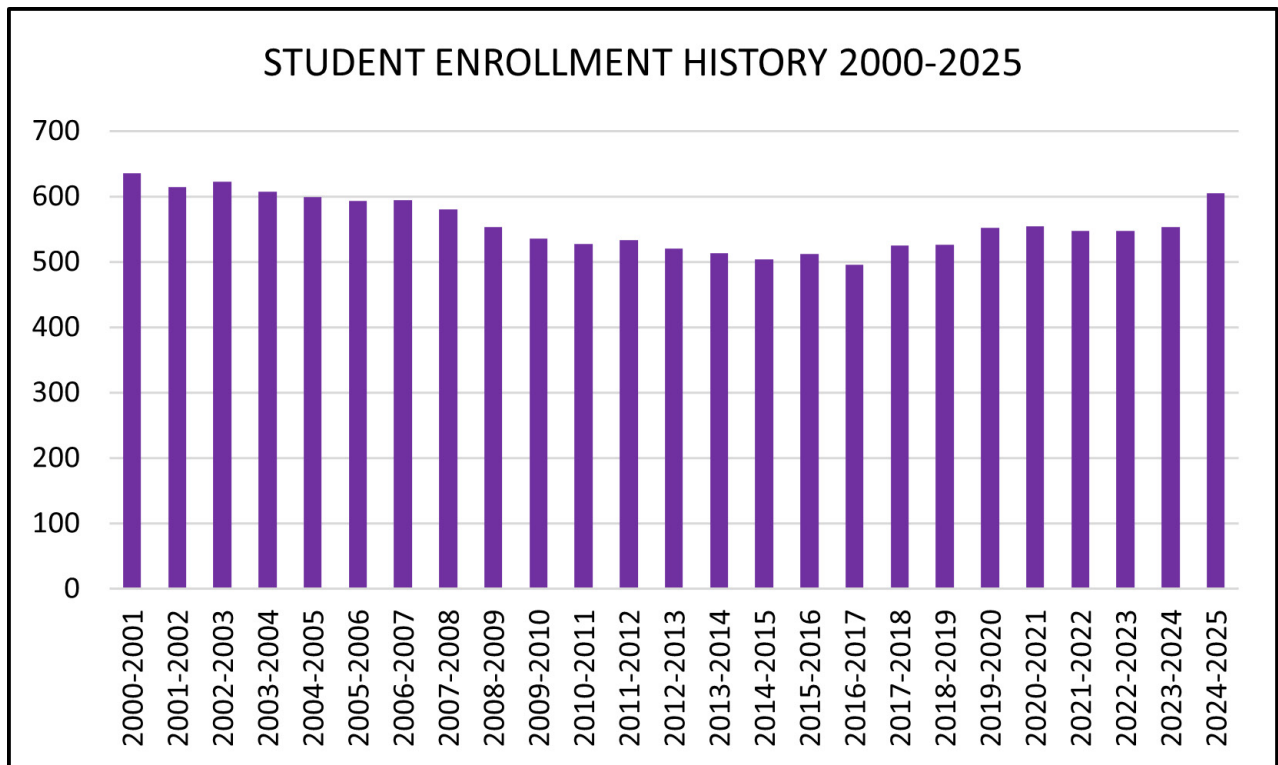
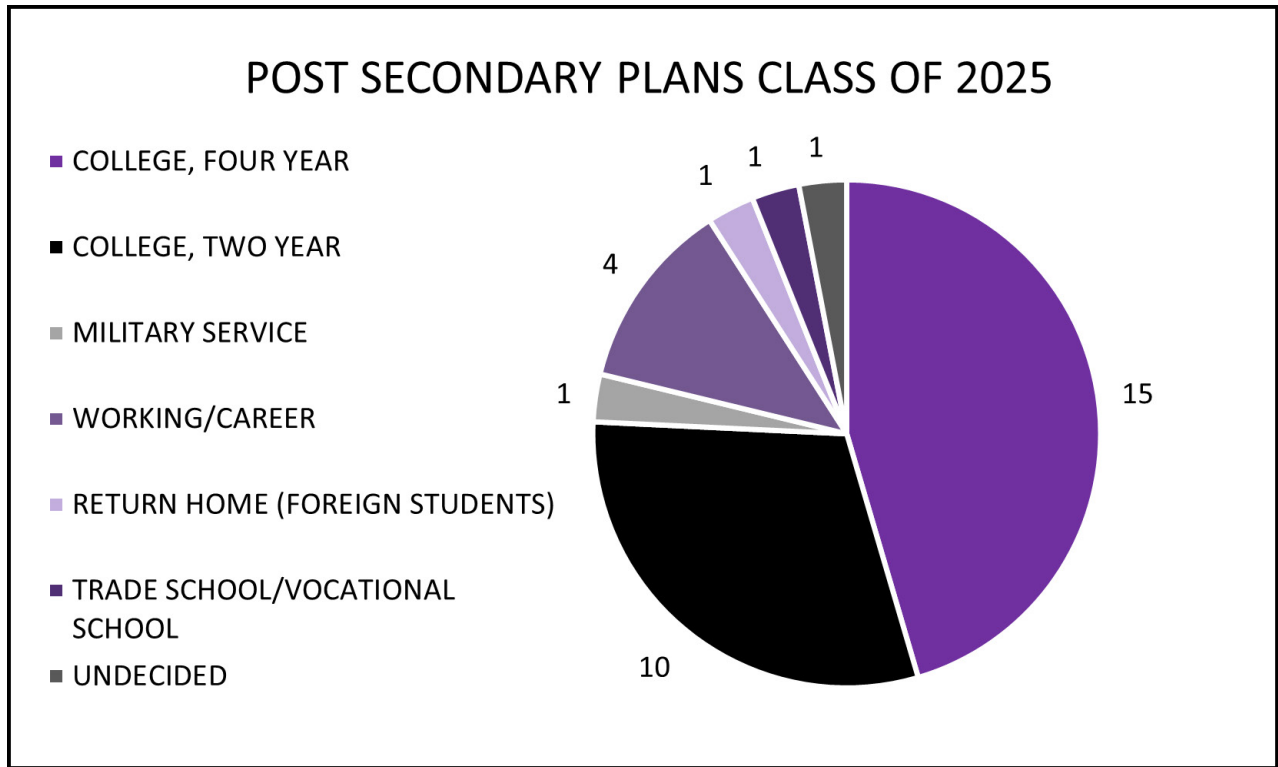
Mrs. Schiermeyer's fifth grade science classes have been engaging in science experiments to begin the school year. This particular experiment required the class to investigate the mass of different items and collect data to show their observations.



Essay Finalist – Aliyah K.

Mrs. Gaston's fifth grade students competed in an essay contest where they were asked to write about their mothers. Not only did Aliyah earn the opportunity to read her essay at the capital in Lincoln, she also received 1st place! This means she will compete at the National contest as well! Congratulations, Aliyah!

MISCELLANEOUS DATA





STATE BOUND!

Fillmore Central boys basketball defeated Auburn, 58-55 in overtime on March 5th. The Panthers made their first state appearance on Wednesday, March 12th.



State Cross Country Qualifier

Collin McCoy qualified for State Cross Country.



State Wrestling Qualifiers

Angie and JoLee punched their ticket to state wrestling.



Girls State Wrestling Medalist

Angie earned a fourth place medal at state wrestling.



State Wrestling Qualifiers

Hudson, Kaden, and Wyatt punched their ticket to state wrestling.



State Speech Medalist

Congratulations to Ayden Jackson for bringing home two medals from the state speech meet! Ayden was crowned CHAMPION in poetry and received 4th place in POI.



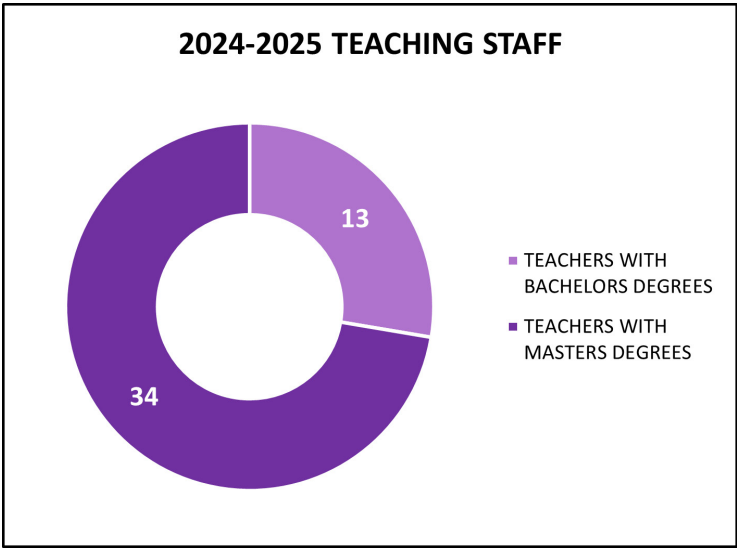
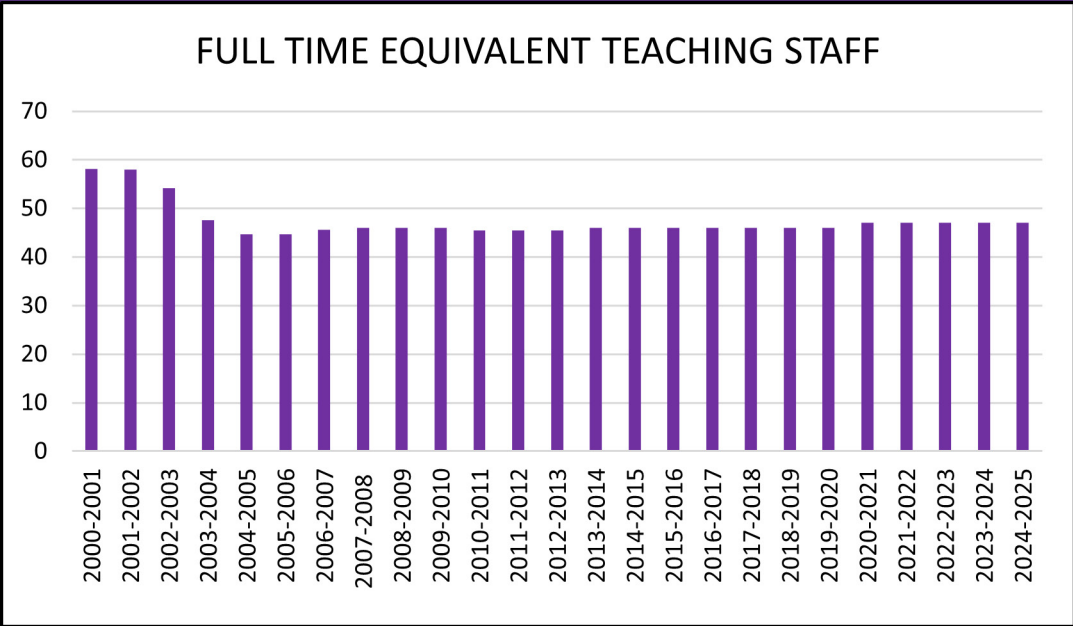
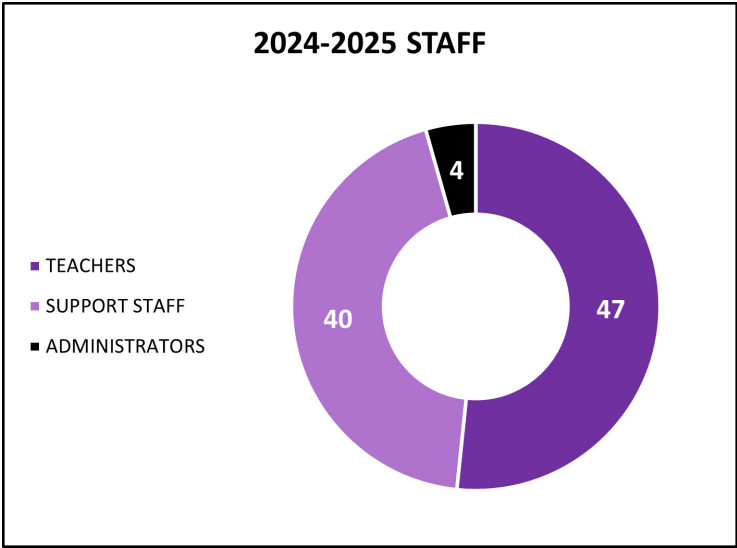
State Track Medalist

Congratulations Angie on a second place finish in pole vault at State Track! Angie is a 4-time state medal winner in this event.



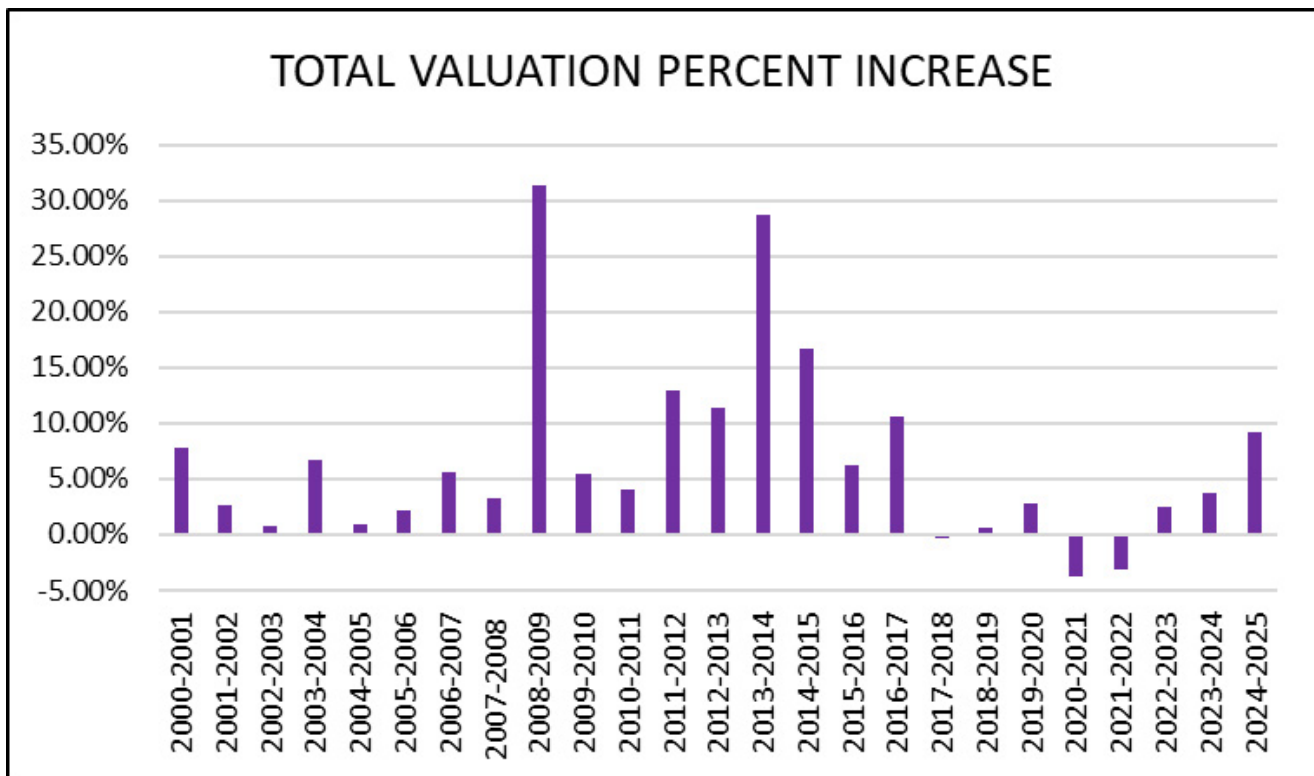
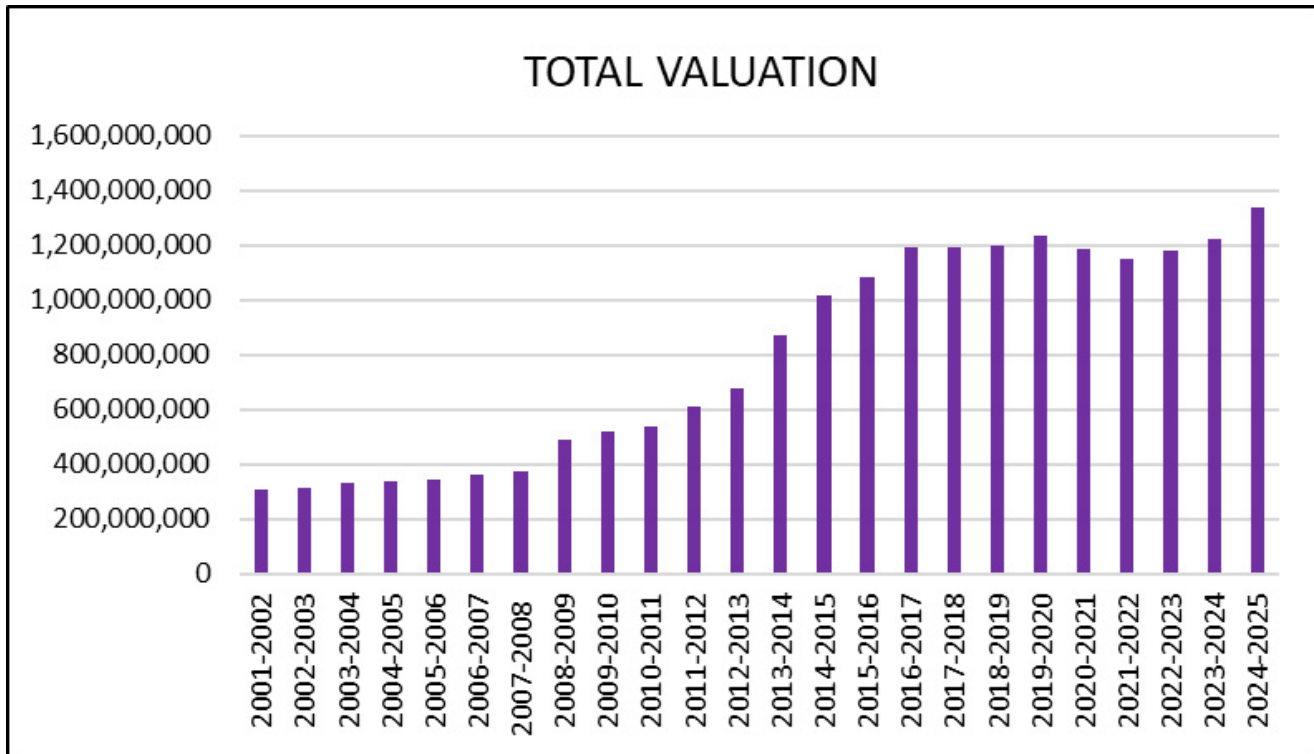
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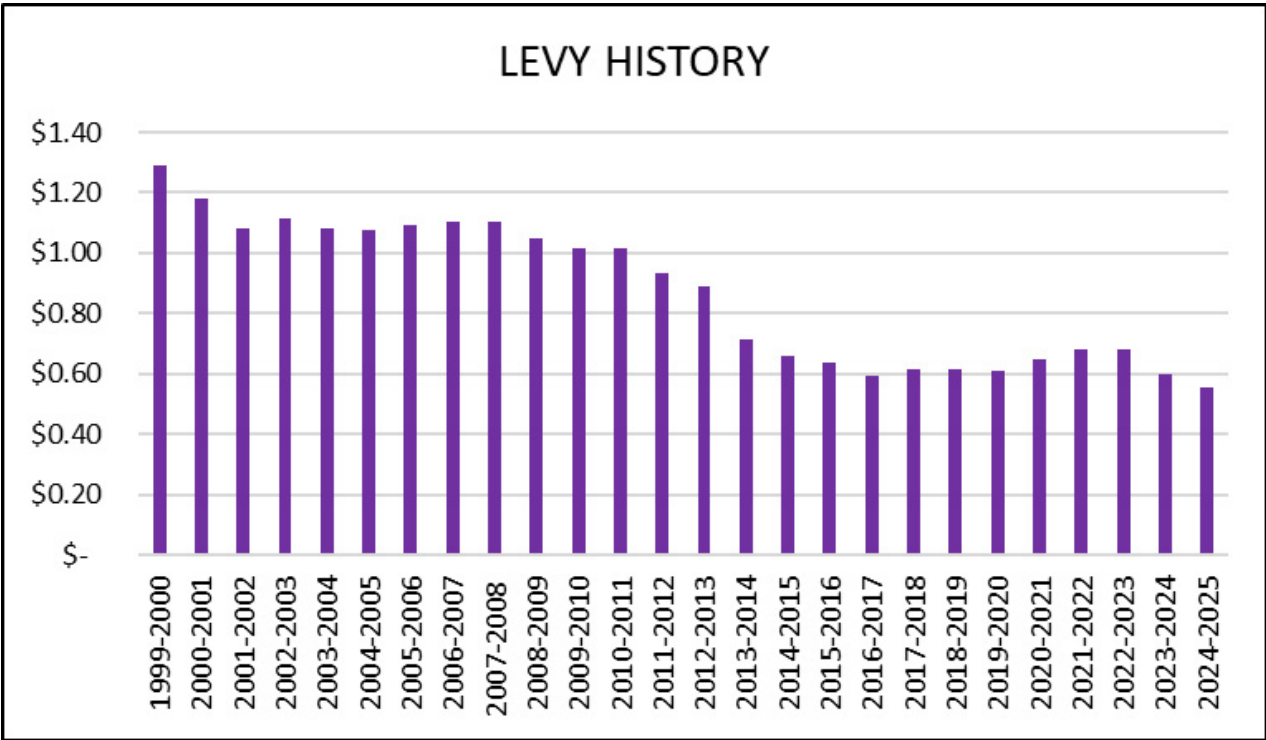
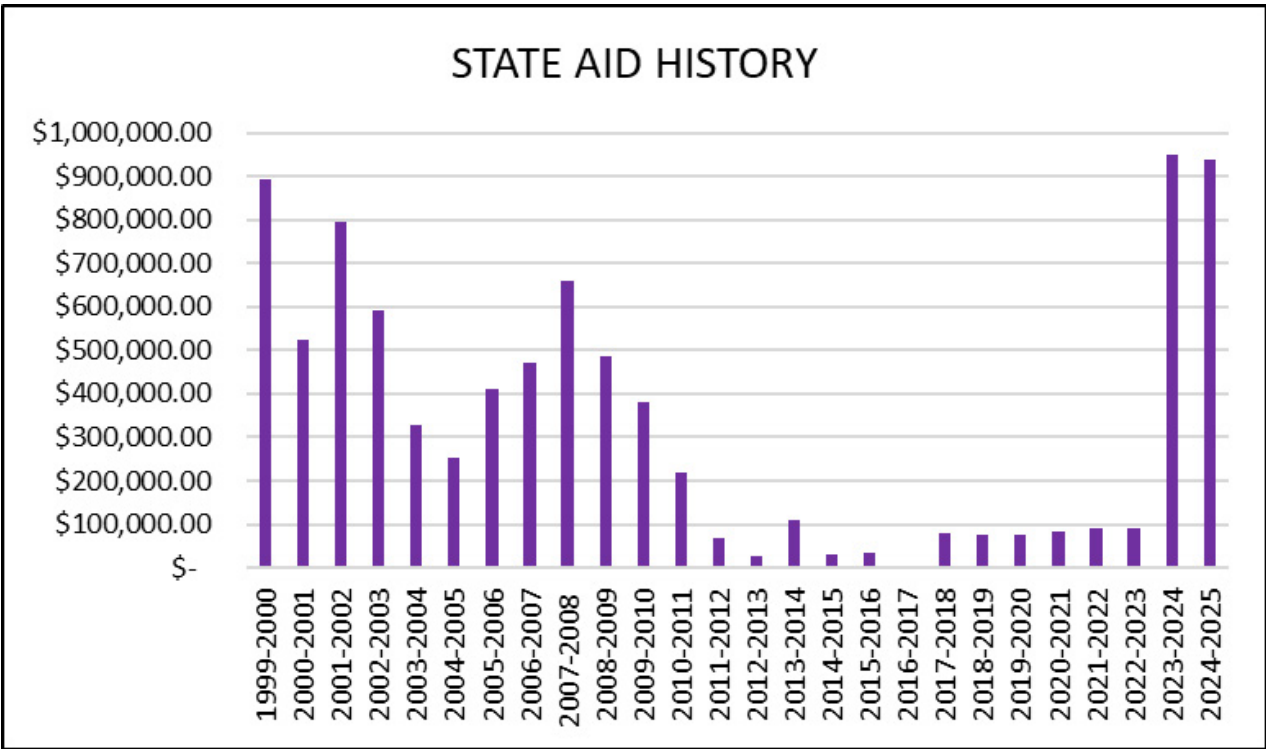
Congratulations Kiffin on a 6th place finish at State Track in discus!



FINANCIAL DATA

Assessed Property Values





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Elementary Highlights



TeamMates Vending Machine

Read Across America Week is celebrated in March. The celebration begins on the birthday of the beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss. The elementary had several guest readers in the building to celebrate.

Greenhouse Visit

The first grade students took their annual field trip to our greenhouse this week to learn about parts of the plant, plant seeds, and transplant starter plants. The plant science class taught the lessons.



Made in Nebraska

First Grade students learned about two key agricultural products grown in Nebraska that can be used as ingredients in paint - corn and milk. After learning about these products, they were able to use the paint to decorate a Christmas tree. Thank you to Alexis Schmidt from the Fillmore County Extension Office for sharing this fun activity with us.



2024-2025 General Fund Revenue

Local Receipts	
Property Taxes	\$4,149,538
Carline Tax	\$1,603
Public Power District Sales Tax	\$182,247
Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$422,007
Other	\$106,351
	\$4,861,746
County and ESU Receipts	
County Fines and Licenses	\$26,723
ESU Receipts	\$17,221
	\$43,944
State Receipts	
State Aid	\$936,735
Special Education	\$1,485,081
SPED Transportation	\$21,947
Homestead Exemption	\$68,236
Property Tax Credit	\$2,631,676
Wards of the Court	\$490,764
Other	\$262,187
	\$5,896,626
Federal Receipts	
Title I, Title II, Title IV	\$228,344
IDEA	\$145,834
Medicaid	\$27,763
REAP	\$50,135
Other	\$268,874
	\$720,950
Non-Revenue Receipts	
Other	\$30,604
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$11,553,870

2024-2025 General Fund Expenditures

Category	Amount	Percentage
Regular Instruction	\$4,345,503	38.4%
Special Education	\$2,892,311	25.6%
Support Services	\$875,827	7.7%
Board of Education	\$215,085	1.9%
Administration	\$870,307	7.7%
Business Services	\$107,390	0.9%
Plant Maintenance	\$911,522	8.0%
Transportation	\$447,848	4.0%
State/Community Programs	\$29,431	0.3%
Federal Programs	\$375,436	3.3%
Other	\$249,000	2.2%
TOTAL	\$11,319,660	100%