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2014-2015 Annual Report

Mission Statement

Northwest Public Schools are committed to maximizing learning for all students while fostering a safe environment that promotes positive citizenship.



NORTHWEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Lockwood 1R Cedar Hollow Chapman St. Libory Northwest

2014-15 Annual Report

2014-15 Board of Education

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District 82
Matt Fisher, Superintendent

In compliance with Nebraska Department of Education's Rule 10 and Northwest Public Schools' board policy 1040 this annual report to the Board of Education and the Northwest School Community for the 2014 – 2015 school year has been prepared. This report is designed to provide the Board of Education and patrons a written record of the happenings in the district.

The Northwest school district is a Class III public school system that provides education for students from pre-school through the twelfth grade. The entire school system is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and Northwest High School maintains the higher standards required for Advanced Ed accreditation.

Students in the Northwest school district attend classes at six sites. Our Lockwood Pre-school serves approximately 40 students in their building just east of Grand Island on Highway 30. Further to the east down Highway 30 our Chapman Elementary school educates about 90 students in grades K-8. North of Grand Island the St. Libory Elementary school also has about 90 K-8 students. The 1-R Elementary serves about 170 students and is located about 3 miles north of Grand Island on Webb Road. Our largest K-8 facility is Cedar Hollow Elementary where we educate about 350 K-8 students. This building is located just to the southwest of Grand Island on Engleman Road. Northwest High school provides a comprehensive secondary education for students in grades 9-12. This facility located in the northwest corner of Grand Island serves approximately 750 students.

A key component to the quality education that the Northwest district is able to offer are our option students. By having over 900 students choose to leave their resident district and come to Northwest we are able to offer many opportunities we would not be able to offer otherwise. Option enrollment forms are available at each of our buildings or can be printed from our district website www.ginorthwest.org. Parents are encouraged to fill out option requests after September 1 for the next school year. These applications are processed and accepted by date of application.

As a patron of the Northwest district your support for our district is vital. Thank you for that continued support and please feel free to contact me with concerns or ideas you may have. The superintendent's office is located in the Northwest High School building at 2710 N. North Road and I can be reached by phone at 308-385-6398.



State Income Tax Return

Public school district data is very important in the distribution of state income tax dollars back to the school district in which you reside. Make sure you follow the directions when preparing your state income tax return and list **Hall County District 82** as the school district. This includes residents from Howard and Merrick County who reside in the Northwest Public School District. If you have any questions please contact the Superintendent's office at 385-6398.



2014-15 Financial Information Fund Valuation and Levies

<u>Valuation</u>		<u>Tax Levies</u>	
Hall County	\$ 510,107,631	General Fund Levy	.9523
Howard County	\$ 120,869,052	Building Fund Levy	.0214
Merrick County	\$ 191,895,725	Qualified Cap Purpose	
Total Valuation	\$ 822,872,408	Fund Levy	.0309
<u>Bond Fund Valuations</u>		<u>Levies</u>	
Northwest	\$ 864,425,982	Northwest	.0321
Chapman	\$ 146,645,440	Chapman	.1408

Northwest Tax Levy Summary for Five Years

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Bond Fund</u> (NW only)	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Quality Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Taxes on a House Valued at \$100,000</u>
14-15	.9523	.0321	.0214	.0309	1.0367	\$1036.70
13-14	.9523	.0387	.0460	-----	1.0370	\$1037.00
12-13	.9982	.04312	.0501	-----	1.0915	\$1091.50
11-12	1.0139	.0465	.0301	.0049	1.0954	\$1095.40
10-11	.9684	.0490	.0391	.0051	1.0616	\$1061.60

General Fund Revenues

Local Property Taxes	8,105,654
Tuition-Individuals	17,925
Interest	7,405
County Fines	60,325
State Aid	6,684,098
Special Ed	574,233
State Apportionment	96,254
ESU #10	3,599
Federal Funds	456,112
State Grants	63,030
Facility Rental	2,275
Medicaid	52,339
Other Receipts	215,878
Total Revenue	\$16,339,127

General Fund Expenditures

Instructional Services	\$9,803,463
Support Services (Pupils)	1,157,289
Support Services	748,019
General Administration (Supt & Board)	595,342
School Administration (Principal)	1,052,176
Support Services (Business)	116,589
Operation/Maintenance of Plant	1,615,264
Transportation	397,205
Federal Program/Grants	563,265
Total Expenditures	\$16,048,612

Norm Referenced (MAP and ACT) and State Test Results (NeSA)

As reported on the 2014-15 State of the Schools Report

<http://reportcard.education.ne.gov/Default.aspx?AgencyID=40-0082-000>

Northwest Evaluation Association or NWEA

Average Student Scores

Composite Percent Score (0-100%)

	<u>District</u>			<u>State</u>		
	<u>Composite Percent Score</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Composite Percent Score</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Math</u>
Grade 09		60%	58%		60%	56%
Grade 10		60%	60%		55%	55%

Table 1: Five Year Trends - Average ACT Scores

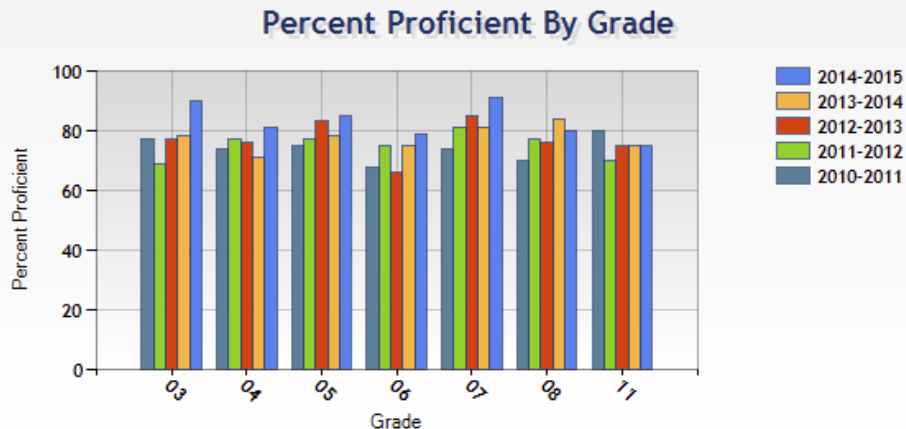
Grad Year	<u>Total Tested</u>		<u>English</u>		<u>Mathematics</u>		<u>Reading</u>		<u>Science</u>		<u>Composite</u>	
	<u>District</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>State</u>
2011	94	16,461	21.2	21.8	21.3	21.7	21.2	22.3	21.4	22.0	21.4	22.1
2012	124	16,581	21.9	21.8	21.5	21.7	21.7	22.3	21.8	21.9	21.9	22.0
2013	98	17,745	21.8	21.1	21.9	21.1	21.9	21.8	21.7	21.5	21.9	21.5
2014	123	17,768	22.9	21.3	23.2	21.1	23.3	22.0	23.3	21.7	23.3	21.7
2015	117	18,347	21.9	21.1	22.6	21.0	22.4	21.9	22.7	21.6	22.5	21.5

State Test Results: Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA)

NeSA Reading

All Students
Percent Proficient

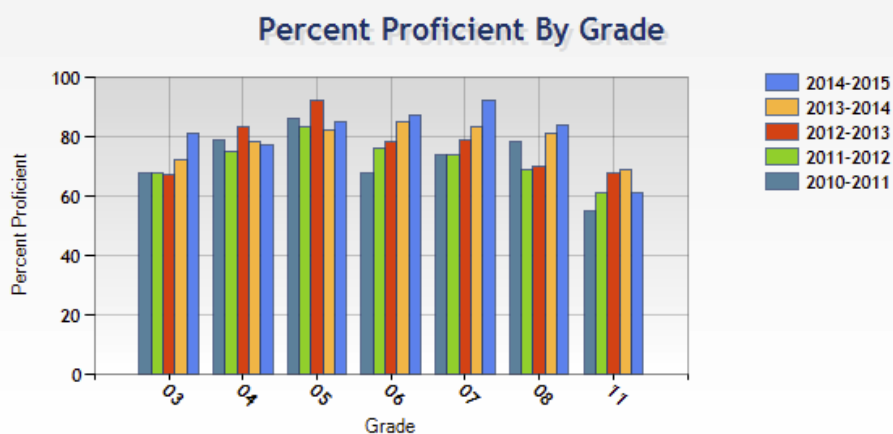
Year	All Grades
2010-2011	75%
2011-2012	74%
2012-2013	77%
2013-2014	77%
2014-2015	82%



NeSA Math

All Students
Percent Proficient

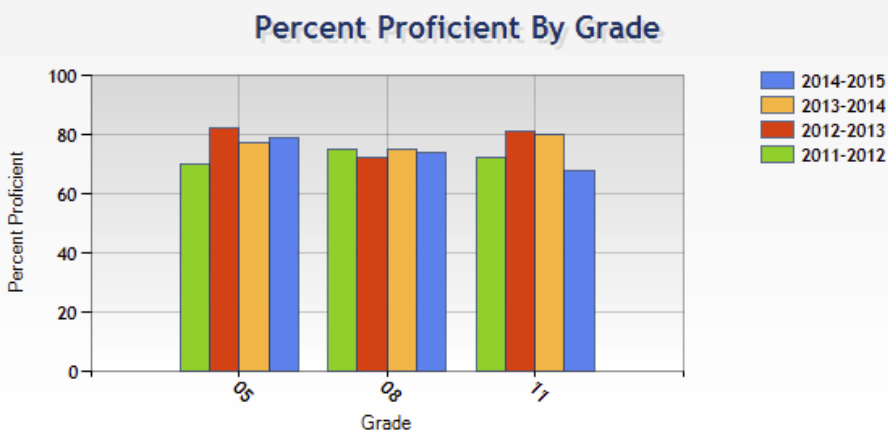
Year	All Grades
2010-2011	69%
2011-2012	71%
2012-2013	75%
2013-2014	77%
2014-2015	78%



NeSA Science

All Students
Percent Proficient

Year	All Grades
2011-2012	73%
2012-2013	80%
2013-2014	78%
2014-2015	72%

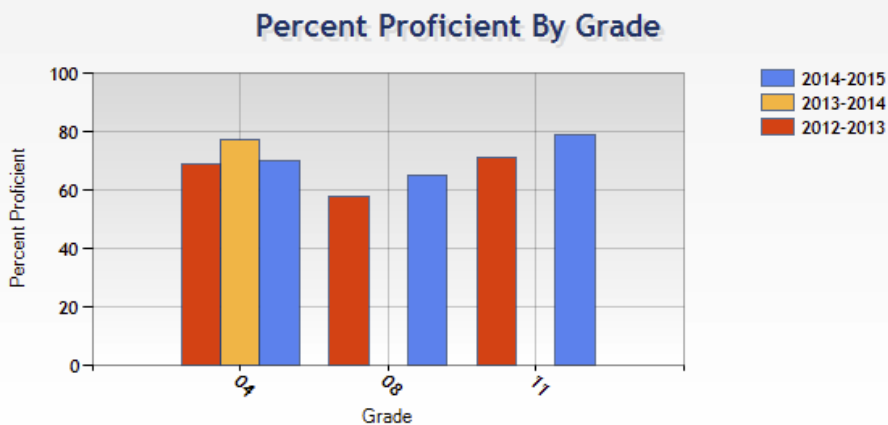


NeSA Writing

All Students
Percent Proficient

Year	All Grades
2012-2013	80%
2013-2014	NA*
2014-2015	74%

*Technology issues—results not available.



District Demographics



School District's Professional Staff

Number of Staff with Specialist's Degree	2
Number of Staff with Master's Degree	58
Number of Staff with Bachelor's Degree	<u>58</u>
Total:	118

School District Support Staff

Business Manager	1
Secretaries	10
Para Professionals	23
Maintenance/Custodial	15
Cafeteria Personnel	15
Technology	2
Nurse	<u>2</u>
Total:	68

2014-15 District Enrollment

(Based on last Friday in September 2014)

Northwest High School (9-12)	713
1R, Cedar Hollow, St. Libory, and Chapman (PK-8)	<u>698</u>
Total PK-12 Enrollment in the Northwest District	1,411



School Lunch



The Northwest District Lunch Program is required to serve a lunch which includes protein, vegetable, fruit, bread alternate, and milk.

PS-8th Grade	88,507
9th-12th Grade Lunches	68,175
Meals Served to Guests	<u>2,887</u>
Total Lunches	159,569

Breakfast (Chapman & Lockwood)	8,601
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Membership Trends and Per Pupil Expenditures (Figures are based on Average Daily Membership ADM)

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Grade KD	83	75	74
Grade 1	80	80	74
Grade 2	67	85	82
Grade 3	83	68	79
Grade 4	71	82	79
Grade 5	85	74	78
Grade 6	80	85	75
Grade 7	63	79	79
Grade 8	72	64	75
Grade 9	191	194	163
Grade 10	194	188	188
Grade 11	179	179	183
Grade 12	170	182	173
Total	1418	1435	1402

Annual Per Pupil (ADM) Expenditures	\$9,709.45	\$9,983.97	\$11,198.11
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2014-15 High School Activity Participants

Academic Competitions	38	Journalism	18
Baseball	2	Musical	235
Basketball	60	Show Choir	85
Cheerleaders	19	Soccer	45
Cross Country	39	Softball	28
Drama/Play Production	34	Speech	18
FBLA	37	Student Council	22
FFA	50	Student Trainers	6
Flag Corps	10	Swimming	8
Football	86	Track	95
Golf (Girls/Boys)	23	Tennis	2
Instrumental Music	232	Vikettes	9
Intramural Basketball	20	Vocal Music	279
Intramural Volleyball	12	Volleyball	27
Jazz Band	18	Wrestling	34

2014-15 Middle School Activity Participants

Basketball	95	Volleyball	59
Football	31	Wrestling	9
Track	85		

Graduation Plans

	Four-Year College	Two-Year College	Military	Work/ Undecided	Other
Class of 12	80 – 46%	51 – 29%	8 – 5%	34 – 20%	
Class of 13	72 – 45%	45 – 28%	2 – 1%	39 – 25%	1 – 1%
Class of 14	86 – 50%	52 – 30%	3 – 2%	30 – 17%	1 – 1%
Class of 15	87 – 48%	51 – 28%	2 – 1%	42 – 23%	NA



New Student Orientation

Thursday, February 4, 2016

6:45 p.m.

**For all 8th Grade or Prospective
Students and their Parents**

**Northwest
High School Auditorium**

On February 4, 2016, Northwest High School will be holding our annual 8th Grade and New Student Orientation event. All current 8th grade students who are considering attending Northwest High School next fall are encouraged to attend with their parents. This evening is also open to students in all grades who are looking to attend Northwest High School in the fall of 2016. This orientation gives students and parents an opportunity to learn a great deal about the Northwest district.

If your student is not currently enrolled at Cedar Hollow, Chapman, 1R or St. Libory and they would like to enroll at Northwest High School next year you will need to fill out an option enrollment form. The form is available on the Northwest website www.ginorthwest.org under the Forms tab or you may call 308-385-6398. If received after March 15, the application will require a waiver from the resident district.

Mid January registration packets will be mailed to all students who attend the four elementary schools within the district: Cedar Hollow, Chapman, 1R and St. Libory. If your student does not attend one of these schools please call 308-385-6398 or email kgibson@ginorthwest.org or bhuls@ginorthwest.org with your student's name, address and the current school they are attending and the registration packet will be mailed to your home.

Home of the Vikings!