

MISSION STATEMENT

Committed to engaging all students, staff and community to ensure a diverse education through a culture of life-long learning.

ACCREDITATION

Friend Public School is accredited by the State of Nebraska and the North Central Association. As part of the accreditation process, Friend Public School utilizes the Advanc-Ed process which is a rigorous, on-site external review to ensure all learners realize their full potential.

OUR DISTRICT

Friend Public Schools is a state accredited Class 3 district located in the community of Friend on Highway 6 in the northwest corner of Saline County. The majority of the economic base for the 99 square mile school district is agricultural or ag - related. Adding to the \$460 million district valuation are locally owned industries and businesses.

The five year average (2012 - 2017) PreK - 12 enrollment is 271 students. There were twenty eight certificated teachers (26.93 FTE) on staff, and three administrators in 2016-17. Certificated staff to student ratio, based on the five-year average, is one certificated staff for every 10 students.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Paul Segner.....President
Scott Spohn.....Vice President
Nancy Vossler.....Treasurer
Nate Klenke.....Scott Vyhnalek.....Jamie Tuttle

ADMINISTRATION

David Kraus.....Superintendent
Ben Dempsey.....Secondary Principal
Alyson DickinsonGuidance /Elementary Principal
Jim Pfeiffer.....Activities Director

CERTIFICATED STAFF

Brian Arp	Diane Kremer
Mikayla Baumert	Paul Martin
Tressa Beckler	Mary Niemeier
Abigail Brandt	Amanda Paredes
Sue Eigsti	Cheryl Perkin
Leo Fogel	Jim Pfeiffer
Lacey Franzen	Devin Rethman
Eric Hauge	Julie Ricenbaw
Jay Hitchcock	Stephanie Svehla
Margo Houlden	Lori Vyhnalek
Sadie Jons	Amanda Clouse
Megan Kennedy	Amy Wiese
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Scott Kraus	Deb Sizer
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Kristen Schrad	

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2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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FRIEND DEMOGRAPHICS

Enrollment: 2016-2017

Grade	Total
PreSchool	29
K-6	122
7-8	29
9-12	82
Total	262

Attendance 2016-17

96.75% of the K-12 students were in school every day when comparing membership figures with attendance.

Student Characteristics

- 27% of our students are eligible for Free & Reduced Price
- 23% of our students receive Special Education services.
- 0% of our students are ELL (English Language Learners)

Option Enrollment

Option enrollment is allowable by Nebraska State Law and school districts report these numbers. For the 2016-2017 school year, Friend has 14 option out students and 17 option in students for a net gain of 3 students as of 10/01/2016.

Transportation

Friend School District covers 99 square miles with land in Saline, Seward, and Fillmore counties. There were three bus routes that served our students.

FRIEND TESTING

NeSA/ACT Scores

Percent Proficient: Meets/Exceeds Combined Combined Results for All Grades Tested

	Reading	Math	Sci.	Writing
13-14	77%	77%	83%	--*
14-15	70%	70%	73%	82%
15-16	83%	77%	82%	78%
16-17	ELA 51%	78%	65%	NA
16-17 ACT	ELA 75%	71%	75%	NA
16-17 ACT Avg. Score	19.3	19.9	20.6	NA

Achievement Test Results

Friend Public School administers the NWEA MAPS Achievement Tests to grades 3-10 two times a year. The results of the 2016-17 spring testing for grades 3-10 are listed below.

Test results are listed in the form of Percentile Rank. Thus a score coinciding with the 40th percentile is regarded as equaling or surpassing 40 percent of the persons in the group nationally. It also means that 60 percent of the performances exceed this score. "Percentile" has nothing to do with the percent of correct answers an examinee makes on a test.

GRADE:	3	4	5	6	7
Students Tested	15	15	18	17	13

Reading	58	66	57	51	55
Language Usage	54	62	52	49	53
Math	58	71	60	60	56
Science	46	66	57	51	59

GRADE:	8	9	10
Students Tested	17	17	17

Reading	53	50	56
Language Usage	48	54	53
Math	55	44	51
Science	54	53	60

FRIEND PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2016-17 VALUATIONS

Saline County	\$392,336,765
Seward County	\$65,090,420
Fillmore County	\$2,772,757
Total	\$460,119,942

The valuation of the district increased \$15,503,149 or 3.48% over the 15-16 valuation.

TAX RATES TO FUND THE 2016-17 BUDGET

General Fund	\$0.803073
Bond Fund	\$0.095897
<u>Special Building Fund</u>	<u>\$0.027317</u>
Total	\$0.926287

2016-17 EXPENDITURES

Regular Instruction	\$1,967,162
Poverty Programs	\$32,287
SPED Instruction	\$514,851
Support services – Pupils	\$76,925
Support services – Staff	\$106,961
Board of Education	\$33,323
Exec Administrative Service:	\$214,979
Office of the Principal(s)	\$264,242
Gen Administrative Services	\$106,865
Maint & Oper of Buildings	\$369,394
Reg. Pupil Transportation	\$169,803
SPED Pupil Transportation	\$1,684
State Categorical Programs	710
Federal Programs	\$126,691
Debit Services	\$0
Summer School	0.00
Transfers	\$54,500

Total Expenditures \$4,274,923