

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Friend Public School is to provide quality educational opportunities that will serve the unique needs of all students.

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 \$444 million district valuation are locally owned industries and businesses.

The five year average (2010 - 2015) PreK - 12 enrollment is 288 students. Currently there are twenty eight certificated teachers (26.93 FTE) on staff, and two and one half administrators. 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
Rich Dickinson.....Vice President
Scott Spohn.....Treasurer
Nate Klenke.....Nancy J Vossler.....Jack Stutzman

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	Allison Meints
Abigail Brandt	Mary Niemeier
Kristen Brown	Amanda Paredes
Sue Eigsti	Cheryl Perkin
Leo Fogel	Jim Pfeiffer
Lacey Franzen	Devin Rethman
Amanda Struble	Julie Ricenbaw
Jay Hitchcock	Nancy Vossler
Margo Houlden	Stephanie Svehla
Sadie Jons	Lori Vyhnalek
Megan Kennedy	Amanda Wall
Kelly Kraus	Amy Wiese
Scott Kraus	Jake Wiese
Ruth Ziegler	

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2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT



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FRIEND DEMOGRAPHICS

Enrollment: 2015-2016

Grade	Total
PreSchool	30
K-6	114
7-8	33
9-12	88
Total	265

Attendance 2015-16

95.87% of the K-12 students were in school every day when comparing membership figures with attendance.

Student Characteristics

- 28% 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 2015-2016 school year, Friend has 12 option out students and 14 option in students for a net gain of 2 students as of 10/01/2015.

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 Scores

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

	Reading	Math	Sci.	Writing
11-12	68%	67%	67%	No Test
12-13	64%	62%	75%	75%*
13-14	77%	77%	83%	--*
14-15	70%	70%	73%	82%
15-16	83%	77%	82%	78%

*There were technical issues with the writing assessments.

Achievement Test Results

Friend Public School administers the NWEA MAPS Achievement Tests twice a year. The historical results of the NWEA MAPS assessments are available on the Friend Public School’s webpage—www.friendbull.dogs.org. Look for the category “Annual Report” on the left hand side of the webpage.

No Child Left Behind

Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), all students are required to make “Adequate Yearly Progress” (AYP) toward 100% proficiency in the areas of reading and math. FPS failed to meet the AYP target goals for the last three consecutive years as required by the Federal Government. While Friend Public School students have made significant academic gains in the areas of growth and improvement the past year, the United States Department of Education has labeled Friend Public Schools as a Persistently Low-Achieving School (PLAS).

Again look for the category “Annual Report” on the left hand side of the webpage for assessment results and other important information.

2015-16 VALUATIONS

Saline County	\$383,432,476
Seward County	\$58,723,922
Fillmore County	<u>\$2,460,395</u>
Total	\$444,616,793

The valuation of the district increased \$54,972,863 or 13.8% over the 14-15 valuation.

**TAX RATES TO FUND THE
2015-16 BUDGET**

General Fund	\$0.803296
Bond Fund	\$0.137097
<u>Special Building Fund</u>	<u>\$0.139684</u>
Total	\$1.080077

2015-16 EXPENDITURES

Regular Instruction	\$1,987,993
Poverty Programs	
SPED Instruction	\$545,417
Support services – Pupils	\$117,312
Support services – Staff	\$84,645
Board of Education	\$27,046
Exec Administrative Service:	\$210,679
Office of the Principal(s)	\$203,677
Gen Administrative Services	\$98,530
Maint & Oper of Buildings	\$378,043
Reg. Pupil Transportation	\$100,548
SPED Pupil Transportation	\$5,775
State Categorical Programs	0.00
Federal Programs	\$171,572
Debit Services	\$535
Summer School	0.00
Transfers	\$53,000

Total Expenditures \$3,984,774