

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 Vyhnaelek.....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 Vyhnaelek
Sadie Jons	Amanda Clouse
Megan Kennedy	Amy Wiese
Kelly Kraus	Jake Wiese
Scott Kraus	Deb Sizer
Clayton Moore	
Kristen Schrad	

The Nebraska Dept. of Education provides annual reports regarding Nebraska’s public schools and student performance. Visit <http://reportcard.education.ne.gov> for more information

2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT



FRIEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
501 Main Street * P O Box 67
Friend NE 68359

WEBSITE: www.friendbulldogs.org
TELEPHONE: 402-947-2781
FAX: 402-947-2026
EMAIL: d.kraus@friendschool.org

FRIEND DEMOGRAPHICS

Enrollment: 2016-2017

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Total</u>
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 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%
16-17	ELA 49%	78%	65%	NA

2016-17 Junior ACT Results

Math 19.9
English 19.3
Science 20.6

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.

FRIEND PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2016-17 VALUATIONS

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

The valuation of the district increased \$15,503,149 or 3.48% over the 16-17 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