



DORCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Annual Report 2024-2025 School Year

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MISSION

The mission of Dorchester Public School is to prepare students to read with comprehension, write clearly, compute mathematically, and utilize information and technology to solve problems.

VISION

Our vision is to create an educational system that provides all students opportunity to practice and receive feedback in all academic areas to foster life-long learning for future success.

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PURPOSE

The administration, faculty, and staff are pleased to present the Annual Report to the patrons of Dorchester Public School district. This report is designed to provide you with important information regarding the academic and financial operations of the school district.

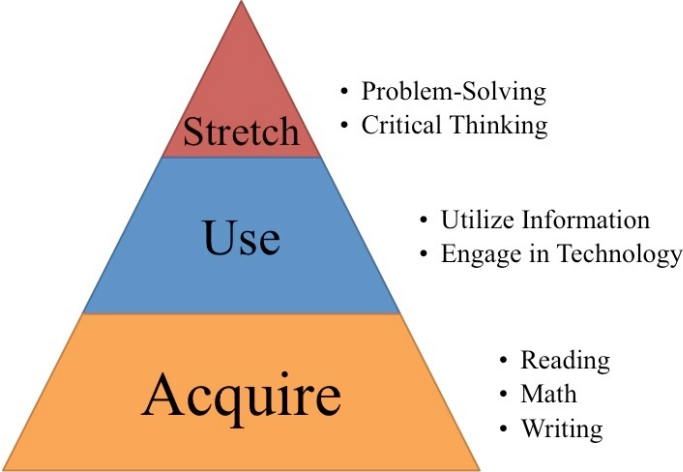
We encourage all community members to become aware of the accomplishments and needs of the district, and to become involved in the planning for continued improvement. If you have an interest in becoming more involved in the school improvement process, please contact Curt Cogswell at the school at 946-2781 ext. 123.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

All students will improve their reading skills in the areas of informational text: main ideas and analysis and literary text: theme and analysis.

All students will improve their math skills in the area of number sense.

The district also works to ensure that students have an opportunity to **acquire** the necessary knowledge and skills to be successful, to **use** this knowledge and skills in a variety of settings, and to **stretch** students abilities through problem-solving situations that require students to develop and hone their critical thinking skills.



THE DISTRICT

Dorchester Public Schools is located in northern Saline County, and is a short drive from our state's capital in Lincoln. Approximately 240 students are served by a single, PK-12 attendance center located in the village of Dorchester, population 630.

Our staff has continued to build an academic support program for all students for Reading and Math. This process is intended to measure student’s academic skills at various times throughout the year to determine their level of understanding of the learning objectives for each grade level. Students who are identified as needing academic support are monitored frequently to measure and track their academic growth. Specific instructional strategies and support are also provided to support students and to foster academic growth specific to their needs. The district has in place a process to closely monitor reading in grades K-11 and math in grades K-8. The data and information gathered through this system will help guide our instruction and tailor support and extra practice opportunities for individual students. The staff also provide additional supports for students that are identified through the Multi-Tier Support System (MTSS)

The teaching staff has also been engaged in professional development related to the implementation of instructional strategies. The information gathered at these learning opportunities is being shared with all staff members during teacher in-service times. Topics include information regarding effective group work, classroom management for 21st century classrooms, behavior solutions for classrooms, and engaging students in learning. This knowledge and information will help support learning in the classroom for all students.

Demographic Information

The following charts demonstrate the student demographic information for the District over the past few years. The information for the State of Nebraska is provided for comparison purposes.

Enrollment

| Grade | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 | *2024-2025 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| K-6 | 123 | 124 | 128 | 118 |
| 7-12 | 94 | 91 | 97 | 89 |
| Total | 217 | 215 | 219 | 207 |

*As of October 1st

Free/Reduced Meals

| | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Dorchester | 46% | 30% | 40% | 39% |
| State of Nebraska | 46% | 41% | 50% | 52% |

Special Education

| | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Dorchester | 12% | 13% | 13% | 11% |
| State of Nebraska | 16% | 16% | 16% | 17% |

English Language Learners

| | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Dorchester | 12% | 9% | 12% | 13% |
| State of Nebraska | 7% | 8% | 8% | 9% |

Graduation Rate

| | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Dorchester | 94% | 83% | 100% | 100% |
| State of Nebraska | 88% | 87% | 87% | 87% |

Attendance Rate

| | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Dorchester | 94% | 93% | 94% | 94% |
| State of Nebraska | 94% | 92% | 93% | 93% |

Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS)

Each school year students in grades 3-8 take part in the statewide assessment of Reading and Math. Students in grades 5 and 8 also take the state Science assessment. The following charts indicate the percentage of students who were proficient at each grade level over the past three school years.

NSCAS-Reading (Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Standards)

| | 2021-2022 | | 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| 3 rd Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 44% | 50% | 92% | 62% | 65% | 59% |
| 4 th Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 85% | 53% | 56% | 55% | 42% | 59% |
| 5 th Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | *% | 47% | 60% | 57% | 41% | 57% |
| 6 th Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 44% | 44% | 50% | 55% | 56% | 58% |
| 7 th Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | *% | 42% | 54% | 54% | 41% | 58% |
| 8 th Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 45% | 46% | 44% | 63% | 64% | 63% |

NSCAS-Math (Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Standards)

| | 2021-2022 | | 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| 3 rd Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 44% | 50% | 77% | 58% | 48% | 61% |
| 4 th Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | *% | 46% | 39% | 58% | 62% | 60% |
| 5 th Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 33% | 49% | 80% | 65% | 71% | 61% |
| 6 th Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 67% | 46% | 56% | 57% | 78% | 57% |
| 7 th Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 35% | 44% | 85% | 65% | 58% | 55% |
| 8 th Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 45% | 41% | 75% | 61% | 79% | 57% |

NCSAS-Science (Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding Standards)

| | 2021-2022 | | 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| 5 th Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 60% | 71% | 80% | 76% | 82% | 83% |
| 8 th Grade | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 64% | 63% | 56% | 64% | 79% | 66% |

ACT-11th Grade (Average Scale Scores)

| | 2021-2022 | | 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 | |
|---------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| ELA | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 17 | 16.7 | 17 | 16.7 | 20 | 17 |
| Math | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 17.6 | 17.7 | 17.4 | 17.9 | 20 | 18 |
| Science | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State | Dorchester | State |
| | 17.2 | 18.1 | 18.2 | 18.3 | 20 | 18 |

Norm-Referenced Assessments (NWEA-MAP)

Each school year students in grades 3-11 are assessed in Reading and Math using a national assessment named MAP (Measure of Academic Progress). The following charts indicate how our students performed in each grade level during the school year. The percentages shown in the chart are the percent of students at each grade level who scored at or above the 50th percentile when compared nationally to other students.

MAP-Reading (Percent of Students At or Above the 50% Percentile)

| | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 3 rd Grade | 65% | 69% | 61% |
| 4 th Grade | 77% | 50% | 50% |
| 5 th Grade | 40% | 67% | 29% |
| 6 th Grade | 61% | 60% | 67% |
| 7 th Grade | 35% | 46% | 33% |
| 8 th Grade | 45% | 56% | 38% |
| 9 th Grade | 53% | 67% | 46% |
| 10 th Grade | 70% | 63% | 56% |
| 11 th Grade | ACT | ACT | ACT |

MAP-Math (Percent of Students at or Above the 50% Percentile)

| | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 3 rd Grade | 56% | 62% | 44% |
| 4 th Grade | 62% | 44% | 33% |
| 5 th Grade | 33% | 53% | 35% |
| 6 th Grade | 72% | 40% | 61% |
| 7 th Grade | 35% | 69% | 47% |
| 8 th Grade | 67% | 56% | 64% |
| 9 th Grade | 41% | 56% | 44% |
| 10 th Grade | 42% | 60% | 44% |
| 11 th Grade | ACT | ACT | ACT |

District Finances

Below are tables with information from the past few years in regards to the district valuation and levies, the general fund budget of expenditures, and the general fund budget of receipts.

District Valuation and Levies

| | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 | 2024-2025 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Valuation | \$392,458,915 | \$404,981,844 | \$408,146,755 | \$429,035,953 |
| General Fund Levy | \$0.7258 | \$0.7345 | \$0.7449 | \$0.7239 |
| Building Fund Levy | \$0.000 | \$0.000 | \$0.000 | \$0.000 |
| Bond Levy | \$0.0772 | \$0.0723 | \$0.0717 | \$0.0565 |
| Total Levy | \$0.8030 | \$0.8068 | \$0.8166 | \$0.8166 |

General Fund Budget of Expenditures

| | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| All Instruction | \$2,177,451 | \$2,347,176 | \$2,414,934 |
| Support Services | \$298,775 | \$292,312 | \$270,090 |

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| Board of Ed., Administration, Business Support | \$506,117 | \$505,875 | \$504,871 |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant | \$466,105 | \$378,649 | \$428,826 |
| Pupil Transportation | \$91,506 | \$93,078 | \$92,106 |
| State and Federal Programs | \$348,433 | \$249,881 | \$143,299 |

General Fund Budget of Receipts

| | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Local Property Taxes (1100) | \$2,576,048 | \$2,784,089 | \$2,666,924 |
| Other Local Taxes | \$476,369 | \$157,283 | \$155,152 |
| County Fines and Licenses (2110) | \$9,957 | \$12,219 | \$10,641 |
| ESU Receipts (2210) | \$0 | \$7,894 | \$5,067 |
| State Aid (TEEOSA) (3110) | \$383,158 | \$276,734 | \$503,382 |
| Special Education Programs (3120) | \$173,472 | \$151,612 | \$309,640 |
| Special Education Transportation (3125) | \$0 | \$76 | \$5,642 |
| Homestead Exemption (3130) | \$0 | \$24,139 | \$28,783 |
| Property Tax Credit | \$0 | \$248,264 | \$260,481 |
| Payments for High Ability Learners (3535) | \$0 | \$3,782 | \$3,982 |
| Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle (3180) | \$0 | \$7,889 | \$7,853 |
| State Apportionment (3400) | \$0 | \$35,960 | \$35,490 |
| Other State Receipts (3540) | \$28,490 | \$79,752 (Nameplate Capacity tax) | 104,544 |

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|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Federal Receipts (4310 to 4709) | \$299,418 | \$299,418 | \$161,982 |
| Other Income and Receipts | \$9,983 | \$0 | \$4,268 |

Thank You!

The school faculty and staff appreciate the continued support of all parents and patrons of the school district. Together we can ensure successful futures for our students.