

Educational Service Unit No. 19 Annual Report 2024-2025



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Our Mission

The mission of ESU No. 19 is to partner with Omaha Public Schools to provide innovative and quality educational services to enhance the educational opportunities which enable all students to achieve their highest potential. Contracted and core services in the area of professional development, media technology, special education and information technology support the diverse needs of Omaha Public Schools.

Our Guiding Principles

- Safe, Healthy and Engaged Students
- High Expectations, Rigorous Curriculum and Effective Instruction
- Committed, Diverse and Effective Teachers, Administrators, and Staff
- Equitable and Efficient Systems and Resources
- Engaged and Empowered Parents and Families
- Involved and Supportive Community Partners
- Accessible, Transparent, and Two-Way Communication

Introduction

The purpose of the Annual Report is to provide information on the programs and services administered within the Educational Service Unit No. 19. In 2022-2024, ESU No. 19 served:

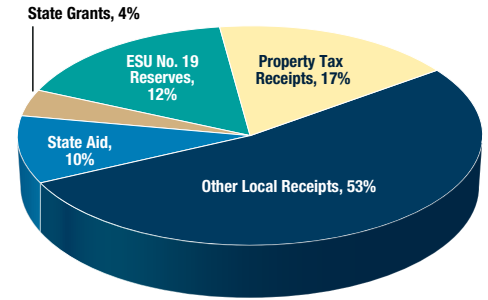
- 51,697 Students
- 87 Public Schools
- 8 Additional Programs
- 4,074 Teachers, Principals, and Classroom Support Staff
- 2,218 Other Student Support Staff

A variety of Technology, Media, Professional Development and Administrative Services were made available to the schools and central office departments.

Accounting and Finance

2024-2025 ESU No. 19 Revenue

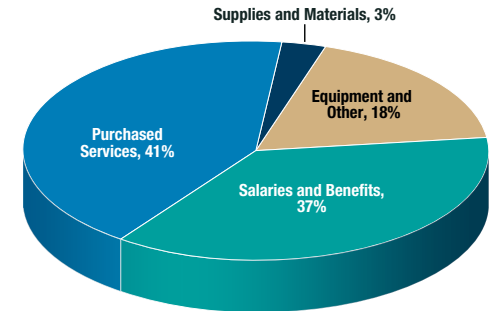
Revenue Source	2024-25 Budget	% of Budget
Property Tax Receipts	\$5,109,523	17%
Other Local Receipts	\$15,714,000	53%
State Aid (Core Services)	\$2,966,015	10%
State Grant Receipts	\$1,000,000	4%
ESU No. 19 Reserves	\$4,810,462	16%
Total ESU No. 19 Revenue	\$29,600,000	100%



2024-2025 ESU No. 19 Expenditures

2024-2025 Expenditures as a percentage of the total ESU No. 19 budget.

Expenditures	2024-25 Budget	% of Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$15,737,603	37%
Contracted Services	\$9,335,022	42%
Supplies and Materials	\$3,019,075	3%
Equipment and Other Costs	\$1,508,300	18%
Total ESU No. 19 Expenses	\$29,600,000	100%



2023-2024 ESU No. 19 Property Tax Request

	2024-25 Budget	FY 2024-25 Levy
Property Tax and Levy Required	\$5,160,618	\$0.015000
Property Tax Valuation Base	\$34,404,122,424	
Property Tax Valuation Base – Percent Change from Prior Year 7.49%		

Property Valuation Base
\$34,404,122,424
 7.9% increase over 2023

Office of Professional Learning and Development

The Office of Professional Learning and Development creates, promotes, and fosters individual, school, and systems-level effectiveness by designing and offering an array of innovative and diverse programs for the educators and staff within ESU No. 19.

Goals:

- Create, promote, and foster professional learning and development that values diversity and growth opportunities for all educators and employees.
- Provide professional learning & development opportunities that enhance knowledge and develop skills to increase individual, school, and organizational effectiveness as well as student success.

During the 2024-25 school year, ESU No. 19 provided individual, school based and district-based opportunities. Based on the OPS Strategic Plan of Action, student achievement data, and needs assessments focus areas were identified. Areas of professional learning included:

- New Teacher Institute and Mentoring Programs
- Para to Teacher Career Ladder
- Principal Leading and Learning Institute
- iLEAD – Aspiring Principal Program
- LAUNCH Leadership Development
- LEAP – Leading with Excellence as an Assistant Principal
- Spanish Immersion Classes
- Superintendent Internship Experiences
- CADRE
- Bilingual Leader Program
- Accelerating Teacher Learning
- Teacher Advanced Academy
- District Professional Learning Days
- District Articulation Day
- Improvement Days
- Canvas Integration
- District Curriculum Day

As a district, we continue to use a hybrid model to promote and provide professional development opportunities.

Printing and Publications Services

Printing and Publications Services: New Location and Expanded Capabilities

In the past year, Printing and Publications Services completed a major relocation to the Mills Building, marking a significant milestone in our growth. This move has allowed us to expand both our services and capacity to better support the evolving needs of the District.

The new space not only accommodates our growing team but also houses upgraded equipment and expanded production areas. Our staff has undergone comprehensive training to ensure a smooth transition and continued delivery of high-quality service.

Key Enhancements:

- **Online Ordering Platform**
Streamlined ordering process for CIS and other departments via our enhanced storefront.
- **Graphic Design Services**
Expanded creative support, from layout to production.
- **High-Volume Printing**
Increased capacity with cost-effective, high-quality results.
- **Bindery Services**
New capabilities including perfect binding and a folder inserter for more professional finishing options.
- **Wide Format Printing**
Now offering:
 - ADA-compliant signage (including braille)
 - Wayfinding signage
 - Wall graphics
 - Outdoor signage

With these improvements, Printing and Publications Services is well-positioned to support the District’s communication and operational goals, now and into the future.



Special Education

Improving Learning for Children with Disabilities

Building Inclusive Communities

- Providing on-site consultation and coaching to support inclusive practices and ensure students are educated in the least restrictive environment.
- Assisting schools in welcoming and supporting all students with disabilities and their families.

Strengthening Staff Knowledge and Capacity

- Developing and delivering professional learning for all educators, services providers and support staff.
- Utilizing participant feedback to guide and design future training opportunities.

Providing Resources and Technical Assistance

- Maintaining clear communication through handbooks and guidance documents for administrators, special education staff and service providers
- Offering technical assistance and direct support to parents through the ESU No. 19 Parent Hotline

Partnering with Families, Schools and Community Partners

- Strengthening collaboration with building administrators and staff to align special education services with school improvement goals.
- Engaging community partnerships to provide direct support to families and communities with resources and assistance.

Media Technology

Media Technology Center and Library

The Media Technology Center is an invaluable resource to teachers, staff, and the broader ESU No. 19 Community. MTC Staff members continue to support in the Production Room creating custom displays for bulletin boards and classrooms as well as providing a wide range of other curriculum resources. Additionally, staff can make use of the Professional Development Library to find books and publications on instructional best practices, relevant research, and various other topics.

User Support Team

The User Support Team maintains over 62,000 iPads in the District. School Building Technical Support staff work with school teams on their device distribution and maintenance plans. The Mobile Device Management Team works with software that allows for centralized management, control, and tracking of all devices. Student and Staff profiles are created and maintained to allow for the appropriate level of controls to be in place for proper device configurations, network security

settings, and the deployment of necessary instructional applications.

Along with the student iPads comes an unlimited data plan allowing access to online instructional resources and enabling students to access class materials remotely. Building Tech Support and Help Desk teams work to ensure devices are assigned a data plan and to trouble shoot connectivity issues if/when they arise.

Help Desk and Student Information System teams support the rostering and configuring of over 210 different applications that are deployed for students and staff to use. The same team ensures the proper integrations for account creation and access using a more automated process with API integrations across systems.

Our technology training team supports staff and students both in buildings and remotely. Trainers plan and deliver content that helps staff better understand the possibilities with their district-issued devices. The technology training team also supports the Digital Learning Leader program, empowering building leaders to share their technical knowledge with other staff.

IMS Technical Support

IMS Technical Support staff provides technology support for various systems and services throughout the District.

Application Support

These teams focus on the District's core applications, data, software maintenance & development (security, enhancements, upgrades/updates).

The Application Support teams include:

- App Development/BI Team - Tableau Administration; Dashboard & Data Visualizations; Staff & Financial State Reporting, K2 Forms & Custom Applications (230 Dashboard, 5500 Users, 275 Forms & Application Pages Created)
- FIS/HR Systems Team – PeopleSoft Administration; FIS, HR, & Portal; PeopleSoft Tools upgraded allowing new functionality to be used; Insurance Benefit Statements updated to generate email of an enrollee's choices for their verification; all payroll types can now be direct deposited if an account is present
- Student Focused – Data Management – Student History Archive; OPS Data Mart
- Student Data Information Systems Team – Infinite Campus Administration; Next Level Learning Support; Finals Site Support; Digital Learning Application Support through Clever, Curriculum Resource Support

Network Support

These teams focus on the District's core network and connectivity needs. The Network Support teams include:

- Data Center Management (Servers, Storage, Backups, Camera Archives)

- E-Rate Support
- Microsoft Support (9,502 Staff Users, 15,000+ AD Groups, 78,000 Active Mailboxes, Multiple eDiscovery Requests)
- Network Access & Security Support (Endpoint Production of 15,000+, Malware Incidents Managed, Implementation & Support of ISE - Cisco Identity Services Engine)
- Network Services - Wired & Wireless (Support 105+ Sites, 450+ Network Closets, 1,675+ Network Switches, 40,000 Wireless Clients, 5,200 APs, and 11 Digital Signage Devices)
- VoIP Services & Phone Support (7,642 Phones, 97 Servers & Routers, 5,778 Voice Mailboxes, 798 Analog Lines for Fire Alarms, Elevators, Security, and Pools, 129 Buildings Supported, 276 RightFax Users, 44,122 Minutes of Usage Time)
- Web Infrastructure Support (SharePoint IMS Managed Sites (98 School & Program; 43 Department),
- Web Server Environment, Certificate Management)

Production Support

These teams include:

- Data Collection & Printing with a focus on scan projects & data sensitive printing
- Records Management with the responsibility of tracking technology purchases & services (WiFi)