

PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

Jackson School (PK-2)

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Ponca School (3-12)

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DISTRICT DESCRIPTION

The Ponca Public Schools is an accredited PK-12 public school located in northeast Nebraska. With an enrollment of approximately 450 students, Ponca School is large enough to offer outstanding educational opportunities, and small enough to personalize education for each student. The district is comprised of 2 schools: Jackson School, serving students in grades PK-2 and Ponca School, serving students in grades 3-12. Competent and caring teachers provide outstanding learning activities and place high expectations on their classes. Curricular offerings include basic skills instruction for all students and specialized courses in the high school. Teachers participate in Professional Learning Communities to focus on individual student outcomes and develop professionally. Technology plays an important part of each teacher's program with computer-assisted reading and math instruction, computer classes, and industrial technology offerings. The district implemented a 1:1 initiative with Chromebooks for every student K-12. The majority of students from Ponca attend two or four year colleges upon graduation. Extra-curricular activities begin in grade seven and include instrumental and vocal music, a wide variety of athletics, drama, speech, FBLA and student government. The Ponca Public Schools enjoys positive working relationships with the City of Ponca, Village of Jackson, Village of Waterbury, Village of Martinsburg, Ponca Community Education Foundation, Better Ponca Community Foundation, Ponca State Park, Ponca Athletic Boosters, Ponca Music Boosters, Ponca Area Community Club, Ponca Ministerial Association, Youth Sports Organizations, Ponca Recreation, local businesses, and many individual patrons.

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PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

This report is published to inform the patrons of the Ponca Public Schools and fulfillment of accreditation guidelines of the Nebraska Department of Education. The report will identify key components of the district's demographics, membership, finance, improvement goals, and performance. It is our hope that patrons become aware of the district's accomplishments and areas of improvement.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Ponca Public School District is committed to building a solid educational foundation for ALL individuals by providing a quality learning environment and promoting standards of excellence.

DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

The district has maintained steady enrollment the last 10 years, ranging from 431-467 students (PK-12). Below is a breakdown of total enrollment, by grade, for the last 10 school years.

	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
2007-08	----	37	32	42	38	30	35	29	41	32	34	32	29	31	442
2008-09	26	29	31	31	40	34	26	35	26	40	29	35	27	31	440
2009-10	22	37	28	30	31	35	33	26	35	28	42	30	33	25	435
2010-11	25	30	35	27	31	32	36	32	27	33	27	40	28	35	438
2011-12	17	33	26	38	27	34	32	36	36	24	32	26	40	30	431
2012-13	31	26	33	25	39	29	35	37	41	36	26	34	29	38	459
2013-14	25	36	28	32	24	43	28	35	37	43	32	28	23	29	452
2014-15	26	39	31	31	32	25	43	28	37	39	44	35	26	31	467
2015-16	34	21	34	31	33	31	24	42	32	37	36	45	36	26	462
2016-17	30	37	20	32	31	34	35	23	40	30	39	34	41	32	458

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH RATES

	Free	Reduced	Total
2007-08	56	47	103
2008-09	76	30	106
2009-10	83	25	108
2010-11	70	47	117
2011-12	74	44	118
2012-13	75	38	113
2013-14	83	57	140
2014-15	80	57	137
2015-16	54	45	99
2016-17	64	35	99

OPTION ENROLLMENT

	In	Out	Net Option
2007-08	64	22	+42
2008-09	71	27	+44
2009-10	70	30	+40
2010-11	73	25	+48
2011-12	70	24	+46
2012-13	86	18	+68
2013-14	94	27	+67
2014-15	123	25	+98
2015-16	113	31	+82
2016-17	105	26	+79

SPECIAL EDUCATION

	Jackson	Ponca Elem.	Ponca High	Total
2007-08	----	----	----	----
2008-09	18	26	25	69
2009-10	14	18	21	53
2010-11	24	21	18	63
2011-12	24	21	19	64
2012-13	20	26	22	68
2013-14	21	27	26	74
2014-15	20	27	27	74
2015-16	21	23	27	71
2016-17	17	25	30	72

STAFF

ADMINISTRATION – 3.0 FTE
TEACHERS – 43.0 FTE
CLASSIFIED – 33 Staff Members
CONTRACTED – 2.0 FTE

TRANSPORTATION

The school district maintains a vehicle fleet consisting of small vehicles and buses, responsible for transporting students to and from school and school-related activities. Below is a breakdown of the vehicle fleet and miles accrued during the 2016-17 school year.

BUSES

4 Route Buses:

- 2003 – Northwest Route
- 2004 – Southwest Route
- 2004 B – Jackson Route & Shuttle Route
- 2009 – Waterbury/Martinsburg & Shuttle Route

3 Activity Buses:

- 2012
- 2012 B
- 2017

SMALL VEHICLES

- Silver Van – Sp.Ed. Route
- Tan Van – Sp.Ed. Route
- Suburban - Activities
- 2008 Van - Activities
- 2012 Van - Activities
- 2014 Van - Activities
- Cargo Trailer - Activities

TOTAL ROUTE MILES = 67,230
TOTAL ACTIVITY MILES = 19,079

FINANCE

2016-17 Valuation = \$419,557,157

2016-17 Levies

- General = \$.9151
- Special Building = \$.0963
- Bond = \$.0601
- Total = \$1.0715

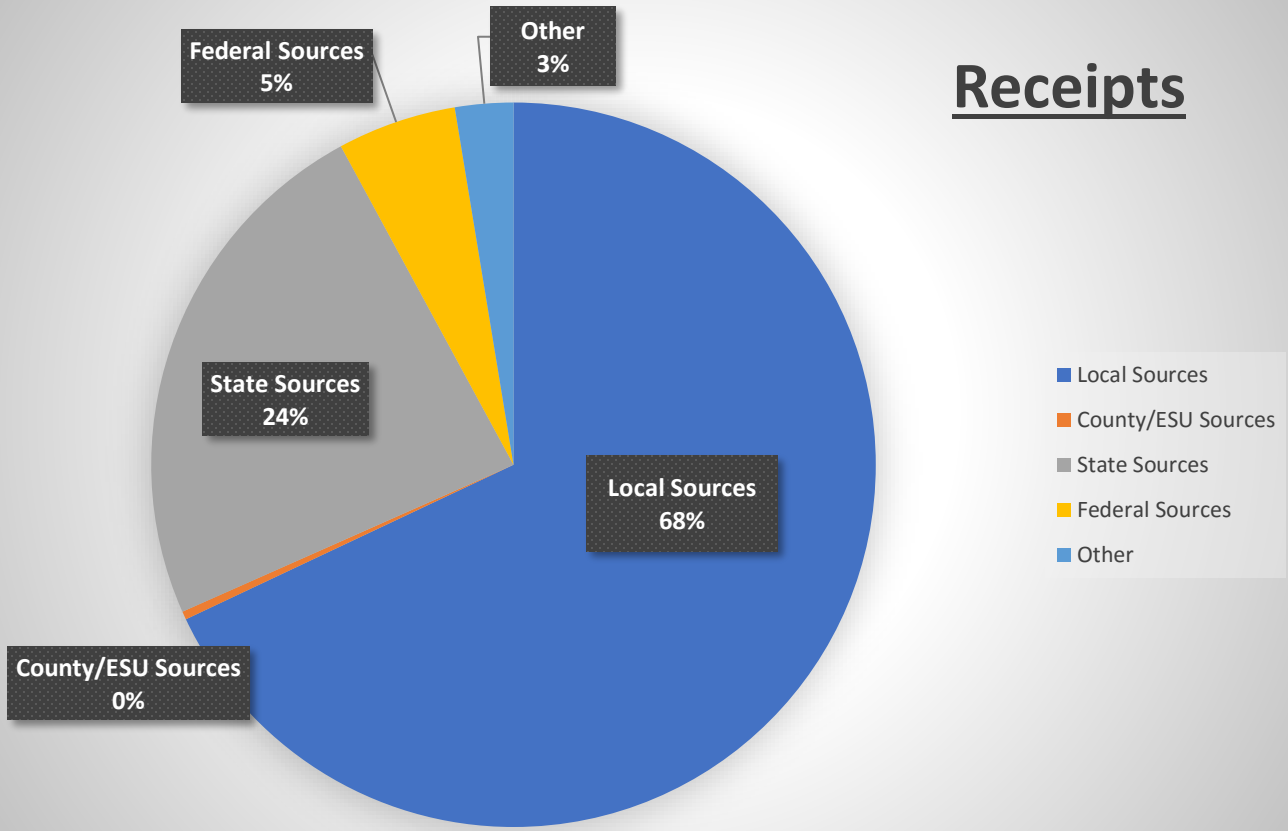
RECEIPTS (All Funds)

Local Sources - \$4,599,100
County/ESU Sources - \$24,894
State Sources - \$1,605,995
Federal Sources - \$359,152
Non-Revenue Receipts - \$175,720
Total Receipts - \$6,764,861

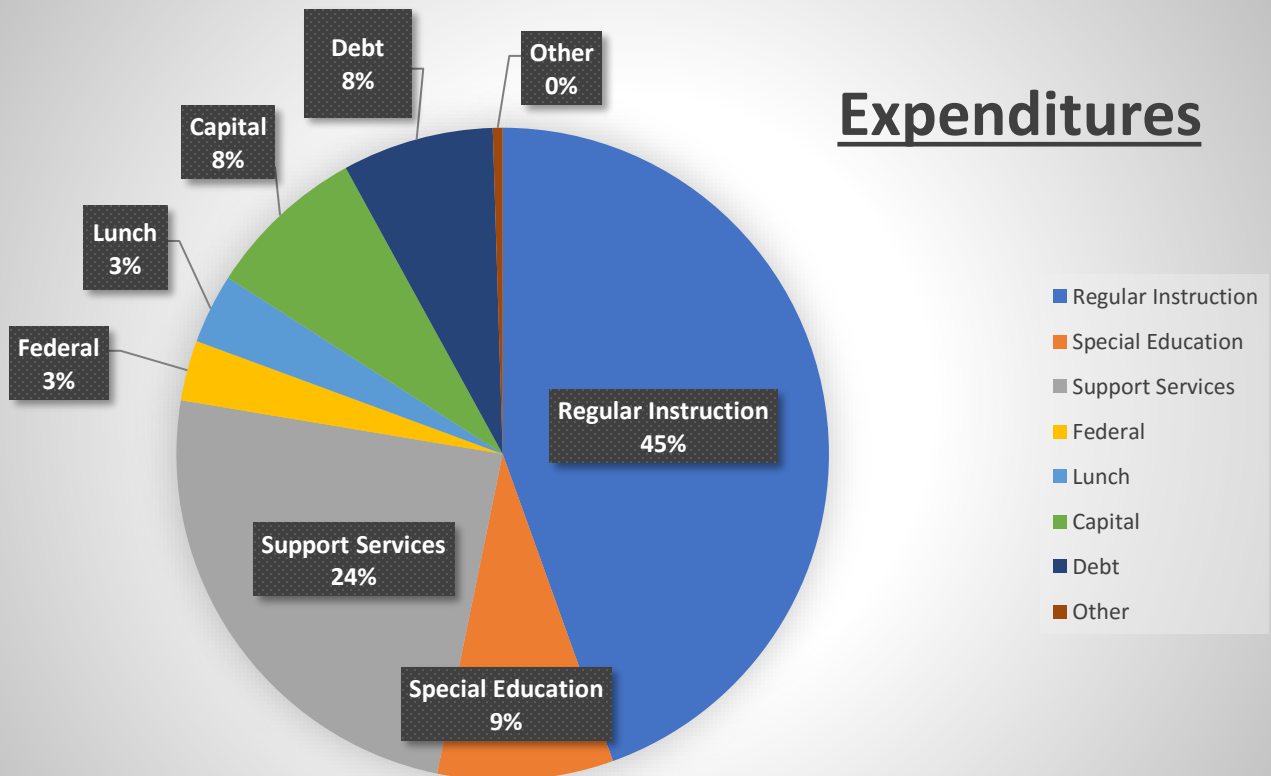
EXPENDITURES (All Funds)

Regular Instruction - \$3,204,542
Special Education - \$627,084
Support Services - \$1,757,738
Federal - \$215,281
Lunch - \$248,845
Capital - \$571,122
Debt - \$539,904
Other - \$35,000
Total Expenditures - \$7,200,016

Receipts



Expenditures



IMPROVEMENT GOALS

The Ponca Public School District implements a School Improvement Team who facilitates the direction of teaching and learning in the district. The team meets on a regular basis to review data, explore professional development opportunities, establish goals, and share progress. The School Improvement Team, through a collaborative process established the following goal for the 2016-17 school year:

- Increase literacy across the curriculum
 - Students will improve reading skills in grades K-12
 - Student will improve writing skills in grades K-12

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

**NeSA Summary (Percent Proficient)
Grades 3-8 and 11th Grade Alternate Assessment**

Academic Year	English/Language Arts	Math	Science
2012-13	-----	72%	70%
2013-14	-----	84%	82%
2014-15	-----	86%	83%
2015-16	-----	83%	85%
2016-17	54%	88%	94%

Graduation Rates (4 yr. Cohort)

Year	State Average	District Average
2013	88.49%	92.5%
2014	89.66%	90%
2015	88.89%	96.67%
2016	89.27%	96.3%
2017	89.11%	96.97%

**ACT
(11th Grade - % of Students Meeting Expectations)**

School Year	English/Language Arts	Math	Science
2016-17	73%	80%	76%

**ACT
(11th GRADE SCALE SCORES)**

	English/Language Arts	Math	Science
State	17.8	19.0	19.0
Ponca	19.5	22.3	21.5