

# PONCA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

### **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 district in Northeast Nebraska. With an enrollment of 441 students, the district is large enough to offer outstanding educational opportunities and small enough to personalize education for each student. The district comprises of two 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 opportunities and place high expectations on their classes. Curricular offerings include basic skills instruction for all students and specialized courses in 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 operates a 1:1 initiative with Chromebooks for every student PK-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.

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS** **2022-2025**

1. Utilize PLC time for professional development
  - Visit with current PLC team members about cycling off team
  - Add new PLC team members if needed
  - Train new PLC team members on PLC process
  - Create a set calendar/schedule for PLC process
  
2. Addressing high ability learners
  - Discuss creating a common intervention block at the elementary level to accommodate interventions and enrichment activities
  
3. Increasing literacy across the curriculum
  - Discuss creating a common intervention block at the elementary level to accommodate interventions and enrichment activities
  - Use PLC time to create common ELOs across literacy
  
4. Aligning our instructional model with observations
  - Administration and teacher collaboration
  
5. Make character education more consistent
  - Create a system of daily homerooms for the secondary level
  - Implement character education into the curriculum at the elementary level

## **DISTRICT ENROLLMENT**

The district had maintained a steady enrollment over several years, which dropped slightly over the past five years. Enrollment ranged from 431-468 students (PK-12). Below is a breakdown of total enrollment, by grade, for the last 16 school years.

This year we have two students getting services at home that are included in the PK count. One student that is contracted out to South Sioux City.

	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
<b>2008-09</b>	26	29	31	31	40	34	26	35	26	40	29	35	27	31	440
<b>2009-10</b>	22	37	28	30	31	35	33	26	35	28	42	30	33	25	435
<b>2010-11</b>	25	30	35	27	31	32	36	32	27	33	27	40	28	35	438
<b>2011-12</b>	17	33	26	38	27	34	32	36	36	24	32	26	40	30	431
<b>2012-13</b>	31	26	33	25	39	29	35	37	41	36	26	34	29	38	459
<b>2013-14</b>	25	36	28	32	24	43	28	35	37	43	32	28	23	29	452
<b>2014-15</b>	26	39	31	31	32	25	43	28	37	39	44	35	26	31	467
<b>2015-16</b>	34	21	34	31	33	31	24	42	32	37	36	45	36	26	462
<b>2016-17</b>	30	37	20	32	31	34	35	23	40	30	39	34	41	32	458
<b>2017-18</b>	22	33	38	24	35	31	35	36	23	42	32	39	35	43	468
<b>2018-19</b>	27	26	31	38	26	38	31	38	40	24	42	34	36	35	466
<b>2019-20</b>	32	26	25	29	37	27	38	30	34	39	23	43	32	36	453
<b>2020-21</b>	31	36	30	25	29	39	28	38	31	33	37	23	42	29	453
<b>2021-22</b>	23	41	34	26	26	28	41	29	40	28	31	37	26	39	451
<b>2022-23</b>	27	30	37	33	27	29	29	40	30	37	29	30	37	27	442
<b>2023-24</b>	22	30	32	36	32	27	28	31	40	29	38	29	32	35	441

## **ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL COMPARISON**

October 1<sup>st</sup>  
Membership as of October 1, 2023 (441)

School	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Jackson	119	117	122	114	124	126	127	120	-7
Ponca	124	137	133	132	134	124	125	118	-7
High School	216	215	211	207	195	201	190	203	+13
District Total	459	469	466	453	453	451	442	441	-1

*Enrollment by Grade and Breakdown by Gender*

**232 Boys / 209 Girls**

JACKSON ELEM		PONCA ELEM		HIGH SCHOOL	
Grade Level	<u>Total in Grade</u>	Grade Level	<u>Total in Grade</u>	Grade Level	<u>Total in Grade</u>
-2	<u>2</u> 1 / 1	3	<u>32</u> 20 / 12	7	40 22 / 18
-1	<u>20</u> 12 / 8	4	<u>27</u> 15 / 12	8	29 18 / 11
0	<u>30</u> 13 / 17	5	<u>28</u> 12 / 16	9	38 21 / 17
1	<u>32</u> 12 / 20	6	<u>31</u> 14 / 17	10	29 16 / 13
2	<u>36</u> 16 / 20			11	32 20 / 12
				12	35 20 / 15
54 Boys / 66 Girls = 120		61 Boys / 57 Girls = 118		117 Boys / 86 Girls = 203	

**OPTION IN, OPTION OUT, AND NET OPTION STUDENTS**

*(PK cannot be included)*

**OPTION IN 108 – OPTION OUT 13 = NET OPTION OF 95 STUDENTS**

Option In Students 2023-2024							
Grade	Option In	Allen 26-0070	E - H 26-0561	H - N 14-0008	Homer 22-0031	SSC 22-0011	L-C-C 14-0054
KG	7		1	1	4	1	
01	6	1		4		1	
02	8	1	2	1	1	3	
03	6		2	2	1	1	
04	6	2	1	2		1	
05	5			4	1		
06	11	3	1	4	1	2	
07	13	2	2	4	4	1	
08	8	1		4	1	2	
09	18	4	1	11	2		
10	5			2	2	1	
11	7	2		3	2		
12	8		3	3			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>

Option Out Students 2023-2024					
Grade	Option Out	Allen 26-0070	E - H 26-0561	SSC 22-0011	Wakefield 90-0560
KG					
01	1	1			
02	1	1			
03	1				1
04	1			1	
05					
06	1			1	
07	1	1			
08	2	2			
09	1	1			
10					
11	4	3		1	
12					
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

## COMPARING THE NUMBER OF OPTION STUDENTS TO PAST YEARS

	In	Out	Net Option
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
2017-18	108	21	+87
2018-19	110	17	+93
2019-20	109	13	+96
2020-21	109	13	+96
2021-22	103	17	+86
2022-23	100	17	+83
2023-24	108	13	+95

## ***Exempt Schools (Home School)***

***(Currently we have eight families that home school their children in our district)***

One family that has two children that attended Ponca last year returned to home schooling this year. Another family that has one child that has home-schooled since she started her educational process is now attending Ponca as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader.

2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024	
Students	Families	Students	Families	Students	Families
15	7	16	8	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>

## ***Ages of Home Schooled Children***

Age	# of Students
<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>



## **Census 2023 Report**

School district's official consolidated census report of children. The purpose of the form is to report the count of children age **five** through **eighteen** years of age, county and school district in which they reside **on June 30<sup>th</sup>**.

<b>Ages</b>	<b>Dixon (26)</b>	<b>Dakota (22)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>

## **SUMMER SCHOOL (2021-2022 CDC DATA)** **Aggregate Number of Days**

<b>2017-18</b>		<b>2018-19</b>		<b>2019-20</b>		<b>2020-21</b>		<b>2021-22</b>		<b>2022-23</b>	
<b>Students</b>	<b># Days</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Days</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>120</b>

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
Full Day Early Childhood Hours Per Year	Qualified 4-Year Olds	Full Day Early Childhood Hours Per Year	Qualified 4-Year Olds	Full Day Early Childhood Hours Per Year	Qualified 4-Year Olds	Full Day Early Childhood Hours Per Year	Qualified 4-Year Olds	Full Day Early Childhood Hours Per Year	Qualified 4-Year Olds
<b>588</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>20</b>

### 58 Free Lunches and 48 Reduced Lunches (Free and Reduced=105)

Jackson Elementary	<b>120 Students</b>	Free Lunches	17	Reduced Lunches	11	F/R=28
Ponca Elementary	<b>118 Students</b>	Free Lunches	19	Reduced Lunches	16	F/R=35
Ponca High School	<b>203 Students</b>	Free Lunches	<u>15</u>	Reduced Lunches	<u>27</u>	F/R=42
<b>Totals</b>	<b>442</b>		<b>51</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>F/R=105</b>

### Comparison Years of Free/Reduced Lunches

	2018-19			2019-20			2020-21			2021-22			2022-23		
	Free	Red.	Total	Free	Red.	Total	Free	Red.	Total	Free	Red.	Total	Free	Red.	Total
JACKSON	17	14	31	26	13	39	18	11	29	15	5	20	17	16	33
PONCA	21	17	38	11	15	26	15	10	25	11	6	17	20	16	36
HIGH SCHOOL	37	10	47	24	20	44	31	13	44	17	8	25	21	16	37
<i>District Totals</i>	<b>75</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>106</b>

2023-24			
	Free	Red.	Total
JACKSON	17	11	28
PONCA	19	16	35
HIGH SCHOOL	15	27	42
<i>District Totals</i>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>

**Free/Reduced Lunch Counts by Grade Level 2023-2024**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>Free Meals</b>	<b>Reduced Meals</b>	<b>Not Eligible</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>PK</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>KG</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>01</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>02</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>03</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>04</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>05</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>06</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>07</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>08</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>09</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>441</b>

## SCHOOL NUTRITION

Ponca Public School District operates two kitchens (Jackson and Ponca) for the purpose of preparing and serving school lunches. The Jackson kitchen has two staff members and the Ponca kitchen is staffed with four employees. The district participates in the Educational service Unit Coordinating Council’s Food Cooperative, which provides for lower food and supply prices through the statewide competitive bidding process. The district averaged 312 meals per day during the 22-23 school year with a total of 56,219 meals served.

**Federal Reimbursement Rates**

Free: \$4.33

Reduced: \$3.93

Paid: .77

2022 - 2023										
Month	Days Meals Served	Reimbursement	Ave. Attendance PK-2nd	Ave. Attendance 3rd-12th	Total Average Attendance	Paid Meals	Free Meals	Reduced	Total Meals	Total Enrollment
August	15	7,906.63	107	303	410	3507	605	563	4675	423
Sept	21	12,034.86	110	305	415	5067	964	867	6898	430
October	20	11,434.20	110	300	410	4741	917	838	6496	430
November	19	10,653.19	108	296	404	4425	849	785	6059	430
December	15	8,240.80	99	289	388	3444	652	608	4704	430
January	18	10,430.73	113	302	415	4293	834	774	5901	433
February	17	9,885.08	111	298	409	4102	778	740	5620	431
March	20	11,334.95	111	299	410	4653	906	844	6403	428
April	18	9,744.32	113	301	414	4010	782	720	5512	430
May	14	6,967.47	112	280	392	2879	554	518	3951	407
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>\$98,632.23</b>	<b>297.30</b>	<b>297.30</b>	<b>406.70</b>	<b>41,121</b>	<b>7,841</b>	<b>7,257</b>	<b>56,219</b>	<b>427.20</b>

**TOTAL MEALS SERVED PER YEAR**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Days Served</b>	<b>Total Meals</b>	<b>AVG Meals Per Day</b>
2022-2023	177	56,219	318
2021-2022	176	62,384	354
2020-2021	175	56,459	323
2019-2020	128	42,815	334
2018-2019	170	57,201	336
2017-2018	173	63,789	369
2016-2017	174	61,545	354
2015-2016	186	62,708	337
2014-2015	174	64,251	369
2013-2014	174	63,304	364
2012-2013	175	63,928	365
2011-2012	174	64,158	369
2010-2011	177	61,977	350

## *E-Rate*

**E-Rate does not include PK students or the two students that are age 0-4 that are receiving services. The student fall membership for E-Rate is 419.**

School	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
	Totals	F/R	Totals	F/R	Totals	F/R	Totals	F/R	Totals	F/R	Totals	F/R	Totals	F/R	Totals	F/R
Jackson	89	19	95	24	95	23	80	18	91	32	101	16	100	25	98	23
Ponca	123	36	137	31	133	38	132	25	135	26	124	17	125	36	118	35
High School	216	46	214	37	211	47	207	44	194	44	201	25	190	37	203	42
<b>District Total</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>100</b>

**Priority 1 Funds Internet Access 2020-2024**

**Great Plains monthly recurring cost of \$1885.00 for Internet Access (Network Nebraska Pays Great Plains)**  
**Annual cost before E-Rate \$22,620**  
**E-Rate pays \$13,300.56**  
**Ponca School District Pays \$9,319.44**

**Priority 2 Funds: Backbone of our Network is eligible equipment**

**Currently the funds available for us to apply for is \$82,398. Based on our free/reduced numbers we would have to pay 40% (\$32,960). The remainder of the grant would be paid in the amount of \$49,438 by Universal Services. This is a great chance to update our network switches and backbone of our district network. Switches in place right now are 13 years old.**

**Special Education**  
**October 1, 2023**

Two students who are not in school but receiving services from the ESU are included in the number of students at Jackson.

	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Ponca Elem.</i>	<i>Ponca High</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>2009-10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>2010-11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>2011-12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>2012-13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>51</b>

### Students on a 504

<i>Class</i>	<i># of Students</i>
<i>Student numbers</i>	<i>12</i>

### Title 1 Students

<i>Jackson Elementary</i>	
<i>Reading</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Ponca Elementary</i>	
<i>Reading</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Math</i>	<i>6</i>

### High Ability Learners

**Classes through Wayne State College taught by our Instructors**  
**(39 Students / 56 enrollments)**

<i>Class</i>	<i># of Students</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Cost Per Student</i>	<i>Books</i>
<i>College Algebra</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>\$147.00</i>	<i>School</i>
<i>Applied Probability and Statistics</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>\$245.00</i>	<i>School</i>
<i>Music Appreciation</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>\$147.00</i>	<i>School</i>
<i>History of the US</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>\$147.00</i>	<i>School</i>

**ICC Classes through Northeast Community College**  
**(21 Students / 37 enrollments)**

<i>Class</i>	<i># of Students</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Books</i>
<i>American Government</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Student</i>
<i>English Comp. I</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Student</i>
<i>Lifetime Wellness</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Student</i>
<i>Intro to Psychology</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Student</i>
<i>Intro to Sociology</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Student</i>
<i>Public Speaking</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Student</i>
<i>World History I</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Student</i>



**ACE Scholarship**

The scholarship pays for the student’s class but not the books

	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Spring</i>
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>8</b>	

**Ponca Promise by the Ponca Educational Foundation**

**A senior (ONLY) could potentially be reimbursed up to \$75.00 per semester. Additionally, a student must earn a B or higher or 3.0 on a 4.0 point scale to qualify. If they qualify for an ACE Scholarship they may apply to be reimbursed for their books.**

	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Spring</i>	
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$1200.00</b>
<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>

**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. All student transportation drivers (route and activity) have been provided a minimum of two hours in-service training. The school completed the pupil transportation safe riding and conducted emergency evacuation drills at least twice during the past year. All vehicle inspections, post trip checks and regular scheduled mechanics inspections and corrections have been completed on all vehicles used for pupil transportation.

**TOTAL ROUTE MILES = 62,065**

**TOTAL ACTIVITY MILES / SHUTTLE = 29,352**

**Total mileage driven between schools and for activity trips, etc. other than route miles = 29,352 miles.**

**Students that actually are transported and are eligible who are resident students and the option students that qualify for Free/reduced lunches that are eligible =170 students.**

**We have 34 students that are not residents, or who are residents but are not eligible for transportation (These are students that are transported to Jackson on the shuttle bus).**

**There are 23 Pre-School age students (ages 3-KG) transported on routes or other purpose.**

Total annual <u>mileage</u> of school owned contracted, or leased vehicles driven over regular school bus routes to and from school <b>EXCLUDING ACTIVITY TRAVEL.</b>					
2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
62,174	60,380	45,051	57,698	59,285	62,065

**CERTIFIED STAFF**

**ADMINISTRATION – 3.0 FTE**  
**TEACHING STAFF – 39.30 FTE**  
**OTHER CERTIFIED – 4 FTE**  
**CONTRACTED – 2.0 FTE**

*Data is updated nightly. Teachers are staff in position codes 1150, 1160, 1161, 1162, 1163, 1164, 1170, or 1180*

Data Years	TOTAL TEACHER FTE			TOTAL TEACHER COUNT WITH MASTER'S DEGREE			PERCENTAGE OF TEACHERS WITH MASTER'S DEGREE		
	State	District	School	State	District	School	State	District	School
2019-2020	23855.86	39.00	0.00	13373.79	20.00	0.00	56.06	51.28	0.00
2020-2021	23984.78	38.30	0.00	13635.42	25.00	0.00	56.85	65.27	0.00
2021-2022	23962.20	39.30	0.00	13830.51	28.00	0.00	57.72	71.25	0.00
2022-2023	23687.32	39.30	0.00	13798.65	30.00	0.00	58.25	76.34	0.00
2023-2024	23503.41	39.40	0.00	13729.70	29.00	0.00	58.42	73.60	0.00

Data Years	AVERAGE YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE		
	State	District	School
2019-2020	13.96	16.05	0.00
2020-2021	13.95	16.08	0.00
2021-2022	13.94	16.40	0.00
2022-2023	13.86	16.40	0.00
2023-2024	13.93	16.63	0.00

Data Years	AVERAGE TEACHING SALARY*		
	State	District	School
2019-2020	55,479	55,558	0
2020-2021	56,582	55,635	0
2021-2022	57,536	58,526	0
2022-2023	58,923	61,200	0
2023-2024	60,301	62,118	0

*\*Basic Salary, adjusted to fulltime FTE*

## **NON-CERTIFIED STAFF**

All personnel employed by the district/system in positions not reported through NSSRS	Total FTE
School administrative support staff	3.00
District/System administrative support staff	2.00
Clerical assistants to instructional personnel (non-classroom)	0.00
Teacher aides (work in classroom)	10.60
Plant operation personnel (custodians engineers etc.)	4.00
Regular bus drivers	5.00
Food service personnel (cooks supervisors etc.)	6.00
Library aide	1.50
Other personnel	1.40

## **ASSESSED VALUATION**

2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Total Assessed Valuation	Total Assessed Valuation	Total Assessed Valuation	Total Assessed Valuation	Total Assessed Valuation	Total Assessed Valuation
<b>396,930,241</b>	<b>392,379,891</b>	<b>394,853,916</b>	<b>430,916,504</b>	<b>437,176,322</b>	<b>508,209,459</b>

## **Historical Total Assessed Property Valuation (Percent Change)**

Year	Valuation	Increase/Decrease
2002-03	<b>\$118,068,718</b>	-----
2003-04	<b>\$128,371,706</b>	+8.73%
2004-05	<b>\$130,302,484</b>	+9.53%
2005-06	<b>\$139,256,642</b>	+6.87%
2006-07	<b>\$152,045,383</b>	+9.18%
2007-08	<b>\$151,991,579</b>	<b>-0.04%</b>
2008-09	<b>\$198,235,250</b>	+30.43%
2009-10	<b>\$211,307,874</b>	+6.59%
2010-11	<b>\$217,994,332</b>	+3.16%
2011-12	<b>\$222,992,075</b>	+2.29%
2012-13	<b>\$260,540,833</b>	+16.84%
2013-14	<b>\$301,875,293</b>	+15.86%
2014-15	<b>\$361,676,261</b>	+19.81%

2015-16	\$411,143,777	+13.68%
2016-17	\$419,557,157	+2.05%
2017-18	\$411,647,037	-1.89%
2018-19	\$396,930,241	-3.58%
2019-20	\$392,379,891	-1.15%
2020-21	\$394,853,916	+0.63%
2021-22	\$430,916,504	+9.13%
2022-23	\$437,176,322	+1.45%
2023-24	\$508,209,459	+16.2482%

**LEVIES (Dollars and cents per \$100)**

2018-2019		2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024	
General Fund	Bond Fund	General Fund	Bond Fund	General Fund	Bond Fund	General Fund	Bond Fund	General Fund	Bond Fund	General Fund	Bond Fund
1.0500	0.1374	1.0500	0.1415	1.0499	0.1304	1.0209	0.0121	1.0376	0.1190	0.9177	0.1027

**CDC POVERTY AND LEP DATA**

2018-2019		2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024	
Estimated Poverty Allowance	Estimated LEP Allowance	Estimated Poverty Allowance	Estimated LEP Allowance	Estimated Poverty Allowance	Estimated LEP Allowance	Estimated Poverty Allowance	Estimated LEP Allowance	Estimated Poverty Allowance	Estimated LEP Allowance	Estimated Poverty Allowance	Estimated LEP Allowance
\$78,234.85	\$0.00	\$87,085.90	\$0.00	\$89,675.00	\$0.00	\$90,171.40	\$0.00	\$91,714.15	\$0.00	93,256.90	

**Formula Students Based on ADA/ADM**

**ADA and ADM History – Does not include PK  
 (Per pupil cost is calculated from the district’s Annual Financial Report)  
 (2018-23 Federal Expenses are added in)**

Year	ADA	ADM	Change	Cost per pupil by ADA	Cost per pupil by ADM
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>393.28</b>	<b>413.70</b>	<b>20.4</b>		
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>406.13</b>	<b>426.88</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>17,814.00</b>	<b>16,948.00</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>403.63</b>	<b>416.61</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>17,267.00</b>	<b>16,729.00</b>
2019-20	400.45	419.74	19.3	16,407.00	15,653.00
2018-19	422.30	434.52	12.2	15,497.00	15,061.00
2017-18	429.90	447.04	17.1	13,746.21	13,219.17
2016-17	413.66	429.34	15.7	14,147.24	13,630.57
2015-16	411.62	424.32	12.7	13,415.60	13,014.07
2014-15	425.05	440.95	15.9	12,235.82	11,794.62
2013-14	410.20	425.30	15.1	12,297.61	11,860.99
2012-13	415.39	431.29	15.9	11,428.60	11,007.27
2011-12	402.51	419.84	17.3	11,811.27	11,323.73
2010-11	397.68	415.82	18.1	10,452.61	9,996.62
2009-10	394.92	410.39	15.5	10,350.28	9,960.12
2008-09	392.69	408.20	15.5	10,323.26	9,931.27
2007-08	809.77	837.88	28.1	8,740.18	8,441.66
2006-07	431.92	447.37	15.5	8,301.34	8,014.65
2005-06	385.23	400.01	14.8	8,052.20	7,754.68
2004-05	384.88	399.17	14.3	7,459.38	7,192.34
2003-04	390.90	405.83	14.9	7,376.36	7,104.99

### State Aid History

**2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Include Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Funds (ARRA) and Education Job Funds.**

Certification Year	STATE AID Paid	% Change from Previous Year
2023/24	\$1,796,815.00	2.20%
2022/23	\$1,758,170.00	(18.63)%
2021/22	\$2,160,707.00	9.52%
2020/21	\$1,972,858.00	13.07%
2019/20	\$1,744,773.00	39.26%
2018/19	\$1,252,868.00	24.90%
2017/18	\$1,003,100.00	4.96%
2016/17	\$955,726.00	(32.21)%
2015/16	\$1,409,803.55	5.34%
2014/15	\$1,338,335.32	(14.70)%
2013/14	\$1,568,986.44	(14.56)%
2012/13	\$1,836,402.34	38.48%
2011/12	\$1,326,149.06	(25.11)%
2010/11	\$1,770,845.43	1.33%
2009/10	\$1,747,609.31	1.37%
2008/09	\$1,723,971.10	10.53%
2007/08	\$1,559,709.93	22.40%
2006/07	\$1,274,227.18	5.78%
2005/06	\$1,204,591.17	5.72%
2004/05	\$1,139,365.01	(16.16)%
2003/04	\$1,358,952.73	3.06%
2002/03	\$1,318,546.66	3.65%
2001/02	\$1,272,075.73	18.70%
2000/01	\$1,071,700.30	4.86%
1999/00	\$1,021,998.78	(6.15)%
1998/99	\$1,088,916.72	4.81%
1997/98	\$1,038,910.78	2.97%
1996/97	\$1,008,903.91	9.45%
1995/96	\$921,834.00	(6.84)%
1994/95	\$989,564.48	25.77%
1993/94	\$786,774.25	25.37%
1992/93	\$627,539.29	7.97%
1991/92	\$581,212.56	1.13%

**CALENDAR DETAILS REPORTED TO THE STATE  
USED IN CALCUALTIONS OF ADA/ADM (11/15/2023)**

**PONCA HIGH SCHOOL**

Calendar Name: **1**  
Begin Date: **07/01/2023**  
Total Days in Session: **182**  
Number of Enrollment Records Using this Calendar: **167**

**PONCA HIGH SCHOOL**

Calendar Name: **1 - F**  
Begin Date: **07/01/2023**  
Total Days in Session: **170**  
Number of Enrollment Records Using this Calendar: **35**

**PONCA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Calendar Name: **2**  
Begin Date: **07/01/2023**  
Total Days in Session: **182**  
Number of Enrollment Records Using this Calendar: **118**

**JACSKON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Calendar Name: **3-A**  
Begin Date: **07/01/2023**  
Total Days in Session: **89**  
Number of Enrollment Records Using this Calendar: **11**

**JACSKON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Calendar Name: **3-B**  
Begin Date: **07/01/2023**  
Total Days in Session: **90**  
Number of Enrollment Records Using this Calendar: **12**

## ***2022-2023 School Year***

***Written by Ponca Public Schools Superintendent, Brendan Calahan***

This school year was yet another in the never-ending string of fantastic years for Ponca Schools. 2005 Ponca grad Allison Stansberry joined the staff as 7-12 Principal, and Katie Pick joined as a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. Both are fantastic additions! The district served 443 students, including 132 PK-2<sup>nd</sup> graders at Jackson Elementary, and 311 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders at the Ponca Campus.

The year kicked off with a bang as Ponca student-athletes shined brighter than ever in the Fall sports season. The volleyball team finished with a Conference Championship and a Sub-District Championship, falling just one game shy of qualifying for the state tournament. Not to be outdone, softball set a school record for wins, and won their own Sub-District before falling just one game shy of their state tournament, and Junior Brody Taylor rounded out our Fall sports by bringing home a 7<sup>th</sup> place medal from the Cross Country State Tournament after a dominating regular season! Cole Jackson was named Homecoming King, and Abbie Hrouda Queen.

Our Fine Arts saw more success, as our One-Act team brought home a top five Conference finish, Quiz Bowl finished as Conference Runners-Up, and our own Brooklynn Lowe was named to the All-State Choir! Nine students brought home Academic All-State Honors for the Fall season, including Brody Taylor in Cross Country, Brady Carnell and Evan Keller in Football, Taylor Fleury and Abbie Hrouda in Play Production, Julien Buckles and Taylor Fleury in Softball, and Abbie Hrouda and Ellie McAfee in Volleyball. Finally, Senior Gracen Evans was chosen as one of six students from the State of Nebraska to sit on a student panel at the State Education Conference, sharing perspectives with school leaders on issues important to today's students.

In the winter, the success train steamed ahead. Our Girls Basketball team made a 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive state tournament appearance after finishing as regular season and tournament Conference Champions, as well as District Champions. Along the way, Legendary Basketball Coach Bob Hayes picked up an unheard of 500<sup>th</sup> win as a varsity coach, and was named the Jim Winch Award Winner for service to the Lewis and Clark Conference. At the State Basketball Tournament, Ponca Schools won a 7<sup>th</sup> Sportsmanship Award, given to schools to display outstanding sportsmanship from the players, student section, and fans – this is an outstanding honor as many schools haven't won even one of these, let alone seven! At the end of the calendar year, longtime school board members Kenton Book and John Gill retired from their school board service after leading the district for more than 20 years, and were replaced by newcomers to the board Casey McGhee and Christina Luebe. We will be forever grateful for the service of Kenton and John! Our Band continued their tradition of qualifying a ridiculously long list of 22 musicians for Class C All-State Band, including Abbie Hrouda, Grace Hansen, Claire Burrell, Brady Carnell, Bradley Lentz, Connor Schamp, and Addison Steward in Wind Ensemble, Karen Alvarado-Mendez, Brooklynn Lowe, Abby Fernau, Oliver Persinger, Trysten Allison, Miguel Balvantin, Mia Krusemark, Ellesyn Hrouda, Michael Hamilton, and Nate Coffman in Symphonic Band, and Lilly Egdorf, Mike Ney, Tim Ney, Aidan Simons, and Brennan Statema in the Junior High Division. Karen Alvarao-Mendez was also named to the Quad-State Honor Band held at the University of South Dakota! Evan Keller and Ellie McAfee were named Snowball King and Queen, and Ponca had seven students named to Academic All-State, including Cole Jackson and Nolan Janssen in Boys Basketball, Abbie Hrouda and Ellie McAfee in Girls Basketball, Ella Eifert and Lexi Swick in Speech, and Connor Schamp in Wrestling. After one of the snowiest

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winters on record (we even had to bring in dump trucks to remove snow piles from campus when we ran out of room for new snow), we finally made it to spring after numerous snow days and late starts!

Even the spring sun couldn't outside our students, as Jazz Band kicked off the Spring season with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the Northeast Jazz Festival, with Brady Carnell named outstanding soloist. Per usual, art students once again cleaned house at the Conference Art Show. Along with numerous 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes, Adison Bostwick, Bella Brummond, and Julien Buckles brought home 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons in their respective categories, Peighton James brought home Best in Category for Watercolor, and Lexi Swick was named Best in Show for her 2-D piece, "Hope."

Athletically, what a season it was. Golf brought home a ton of hardware and won a Conference Title before qualifying the entire team for the State Tournament, including Miguel Balvantin, Grant Sprakel, and Jace Wahls individually. Girls Track also brought home a Conference Title, and Ellesyn Hrouda qualified for the State Track meet in the 1600 and 3200, bringing home 8<sup>th</sup> place in the 1600. Boys Track completed the Trifecta by ALSO bringing home a Conference Title, and qualifying for the State Meet were Brody Taylor in the 1600 and 3200, Michael Hamilton in the Discus, the 4x4 Relay Team including Jaden Kay, Brody Taylor, Dalton Lamprecht, and Ethan Eifert, who then went ahead and qualified in the 100, 200, and 400 meter dashes just for good measure. Brody brought home 6<sup>th</sup> place finishes in both the 1600 and 3200, and Ethan added his own 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 400. Six students won Academic All-State for the Spring, including Claire Burrell and Abbie Hrouda in Music, Evan Keller and Dalton Lamprecht in Boys Track, and Julien Buckles and Abbie Hrouda in Girls Track.

A whopping 13 students were inducted into National Honor Society, including Karen Alvarado-Mendez, Brooklyn Lowe, Brody Taylor, Brailyn Hogan, Josilyn Martin, Zain Stark, Dannika Touney, Peighton James, Guy Severide, Ellesyn Hrouda, Connor Schamp, Alexa Swick, and Emma Uthof.

Ponca High School graduated 27 seniors, who brought in a staggering \$207,892 in scholarship money. Abbie Hrouda earned Valedictorian, and Summer Prokop Salutatorian. 31 Pre-Kindergartners, and 31 Kindergartners also walked the stage to end the year, setting us up for continued success for quite some time at Ponca.

Finally, the end of the year saw the departure of Spanish Teacher Jill Camargo, Jackson Elementary Music Teacher Amber Van Regenmorter, and a staple of Ponca High School, History Mike Brandt after 34 years of outstanding service to our kids and community. The Ponca Community Educational Foundation once again sponsored a year-end luncheon for our staff, where over \$26,000 was awarded in Special Use Grants to staff, including funding the addition of three new Agriculture classes at Ponca High School for the 23-24 school year. As always, this was a fantastic end to a fantastic school year!