

STUDENT PERFORMANCE: NATIONAL TESTS

In 2007-2008, 72 percent of Nebraska high school seniors took the ACT exam. Nebraska's 22.1 average score continued to rank first among those states with 70 percent or more graduates taking the ACT.

| Years | National Average | State Average |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| 2003-2004 | 20.90 | 21.70 |
| 2004-2005 | 20.90 | 21.80 |
| 2005-2006 | 21.10 | 21.90 |
| 2006-2007 | 21.20 | 22.10 |
| 2007-2008 | 21.10 | 22.10 |

Students who took the core courses completed at least four years of English and three years of mathematics, social studies and natural sciences. These students traditionally score higher than those taking less than the core courses.

| Coursework | National Average | State Average |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Core Courses | 22.00 | 22.80 |
| Less Than Core | 19.50 | 20.10 |

2007-2008 FINANCIAL DATA

| RECEIPTS | AMOUNT | PERCENT |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Local Receipts | 1,450,722,796.35 | 52.05 |
| County Receipts | 22,688,267.28 | 0.81 |
| State Receipts | 1,059,404,420.83 | 38.01 |
| Federal Receipts | 215,533,254.89 | 7.73 |
| Other Receipts | 38,961,790.26 | 1.40 |
| Total Receipts | 2,787,310,529.61 | 100.00 |

| EXPENDITURES | AMOUNT | PERCENT |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| All Instruction Expenditures | 1,666,603,170.10 | 60.37 |
| Support Services - Pupil Expenditures | 190,540,678.63 | 6.90 |
| Support Services - Staff Expenditures | 87,103,202.60 | 3.16 |
| Central Administration Expenditures | 154,536,742.55 | 5.60 |
| Office of the Principal Expenditures | 148,390,148.81 | 5.38 |
| Maintenance & Operation Expenditures | 283,272,890.87 | 10.26 |
| Federal Expenditures | 186,704,248.91 | 6.76 |
| Other Expenditures | 43,289,449.07 | 1.57 |
| Total Expenditures | 2,760,440,531.54 | 100.00 |

NEBRASKA TEACHERS

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| Total number of teachers | 24,193 |
| Average years of teaching experience | 15.3 |
| Average teacher salary | \$43,629 |
| Teachers with Master's Degrees..... | 10,242 |

High school teachers endorsed in the subject area they teach:

| Subject | State Average |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Language Arts | 94.83% |
| Mathematics | 96.88% |
| Social Studies | 96.58% |
| Science | 88.94% |
| Foreign Language | 94.20% |
| Career and Technical Education | 95.04% |
| Health and Physical Education | 92.23% |
| Visual and Performing Arts | 96.67% |
| Overall Average | 94.65% |

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QUICK FACTS

ABOUT NEBRASKA SCHOOLS



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NEBRASKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2007 - 2008

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Local School Systems | 254 |
| Public School Buildings | 1,086 |
| Non-Public Schools | 207 |

| Community Population | #of Systems | Enrollment |
|---|-------------|------------|
| 1,000 or less (Class 2) | 20 | 3,287 |
| More than 1,000, less than 150,000 (Class 3) | 232 | 206,376 |
| 150,000 or more, primary class city, (Class 4) | 1 | 33,464 |
| 250,000 or more, metropolitan class city, (Class 5) | 1 | 47,652 |

| Public School Student Enrollment | Enrollment |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| PreKindergarten | 10,082 |
| Kindergarten | 22,584 |
| Elementary (Grades 1-5) | 104,930 |
| Middle (Grades 6-8) | 62,422 |
| High School (Grades 9-12) | 90,761 |
| Non-Public School Enrollment | 38,759 |

STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS Enrollment by Race and Ethnicity

| White, not Hispanic | Black, not Hispanic | Hispanic | Asian / Pacific Islanders | American Indian / Alaskan Native |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 219,477 | 23,170 | 37,489 | 5,697 | 4,946 |

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| Females | 140,945 |
| Males | 149,834 |
| Poverty, students eligible for free/reduced meals | 37% |
| Mobility rate, students who move in or out of a school | 12% |
| English Language Learners | 7% |
| Special Education students | 15% |
| High Ability Learners | 11% |
| Exempt, homeschooled students | 2% |

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Nebraska requires 200 credit hours of coursework to graduate from high school. Local school districts establish their own graduation requirements. The following charts show the years of coursework required by districts in language arts and mathematics.

LANGUAGE ARTS

| Years Required | Number of Districts | Percent of Districts |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 3.00 | 8 | 3.15% |
| 4.00 | 229 | 90.16% |
| *5.00 | 16 | 6.30% |
| *6.00 | 1 | 0.39% |

* In addition to four years of English, some high schools require more coursework such as speech. Students may choose to take more than the required years of coursework.

MATHEMATICS

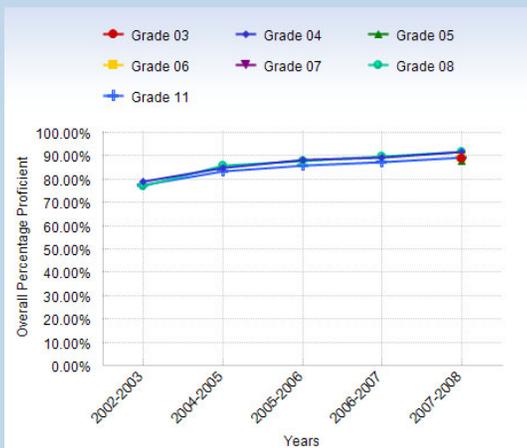
| Years Required | Number of Districts | Percent of Districts |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2.00 | 54 | 21.26% |
| 3.00 | 188 | 74.02% |
| 4.00 | 12 | 4.72% |

GRADUATION RATE

| Years | State | Years | State | Years | State |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 2002-2003 | 85.80% | 2004-2005 | 88.04% | 2006-2007 | 89.17% |
| 2003-2004 | 87.48% | 2005-2006 | 88.76% | 2007-2008 | 89.75% |

2007-2008 STUDENT PERFORMANCE: Reading

All Students

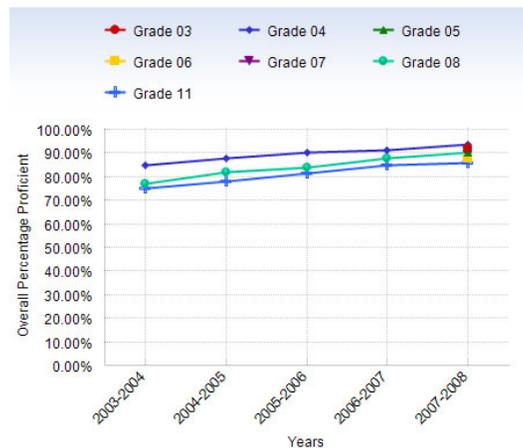


Overall Performance Percentages for All Students Meeting or Exceeding Standards in 2007-2008

| Grade 03 | Grade 04 | Grade 05 | Grade 06 | Grade 07 | Grade 08 | Grade 11 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 88.76% | 91.48% | 87.96% | 89.25% | 88.33% | 91.71% | 89.34% |

2007-2008 STUDENT PERFORMANCE: Mathematics

All Students

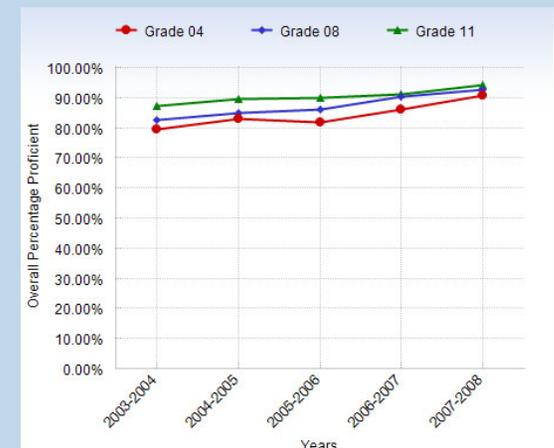


Overall Performance Percentages for All Students Meeting or Exceeding Standards in 2007-2008

| Grade 03 | Grade 04 | Grade 05 | Grade 06 | Grade 07 | Grade 08 | Grade 11 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 92.02% | 93.70% | 90.86% | 87.52 | 89.03% | 90.02% | 85.87% |

2007-2008 STUDENT PERFORMANCE: Writing

All Students



Overall Performance Percentages for All Students Meeting or Exceeding Standards in 2007-2008

| Grade 04 | Grade 08 | Grade 11 |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 90.58% | 92.69% | 94.30% |