

# **2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

## **For the**

### **WILCOX-HILDRETH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Wilcox-Hildreth Schools is a K-12 Class III district as ranked by the Nebraska Department of Education and is fully accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and AdvancED. The School District encompasses 276 square miles in the South central Nebraska counties of Kearney, Franklin, Phelps and Harlan. Wilcox has a population of 355 and Hildreth is 344. The district is a farming community and a destination point for many tourists and hunters visiting Sacramento Game Preserve.

The current poverty rate is 35% compared to 44% statewide; graduation rate is 94% compared to the state average of 89%, and a mobility rate of 8% compared to the state average of 12%.

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools, accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education, completed its thirteenth academic year in the spring of 2015. PK-12 Enrollment at Wilcox-Hildreth Public School district has grown over past two years with a current enrollment of 235, and is expected to continue to remain constant for the next several years. Enrollment has ranged from a high of 342 in 2001-2003 to a low of 207 during the 2013-2014 year. Wilcox hosts students in grades K-4 and 9-12 and Hildreth hosting the 5-8 grades. The district employs two full time administrators, twenty-eight certificated staff members, and thirty-four full-time and three part-time classified staff members. The low student-teacher ratio is conducive to promoting a strong learning environment. Wilcox-Hildreth Schools offer a variety of required and elective academic classes. Academics coupled with extra-curricular activities lead to well-rounded educational opportunities. All levels and disciplines have incorporated character education and multiculturalism units into the curriculum. In the fall of 2005, Wilcox - Hildreth purchased and provided a laptop computer for each high school student in grades 9-12. Grades 7-8 are issued laptops during the school day.

During the spring of 2014 an External Visitation Team reviewed the district's current School Improvement Plan. The primary goal was that all students will have opportunities to improve critical thinking skills by gathering information, analyzing information, demonstrating knowledge, and conveying the relationship of the information and knowledge to real life situations. The district is now beginning a new Continuous School Improvement cycle. Data is being reviewed and analyzed for the purpose of selecting new goal(s).

**Facilities** The high school building in Wilcox houses grades PK-4 and grades 9-12 while the Hildreth building is for grades 5-8.

**Board of Education** The school district is governed by a six member board. Each board member's term of office is four years, and they serve without compensation. Current members of the Board of Education include: President Kirk Nelson, Vice-President, Brent Hinrichs, members Kert Hanson, Aaron Pistulka, Gary Jensen and Roger Boyer.

**ASSESSMENT DATA** Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools utilizes several formats for assessing and reporting results for the Nebraska State Standards. NorthWest Evaluation Association or NWEA is used for Norm Referenced Assessments and the Nebraska State Accountability or NeSA is used for Criterion Referenced Assessments

STATE READING: Three out of six grades scored above the state average on the state reading assessment during the 2013-2014 school year.

STATE MATH: Five out of six grades scored above the state average on the state math assessment during the 2013-2014 school year.

STATE SCIENCE: Only three grades were assessed in science during the 2013-2014 year. One grade scored above the state average on the state science assessment.

### **ACT Test**

The ACT is a nationally normed test that is created to predict the likelihood of a student's success in their freshman year of college. Wilcox-Hildreth students have consistently scored well on the ACT, performing above the state average two out of the past three years.

### **ACT RESULTS**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Local Avg.	21.5	20.5	22.5
State Avg.	21.4	21.5	20.7

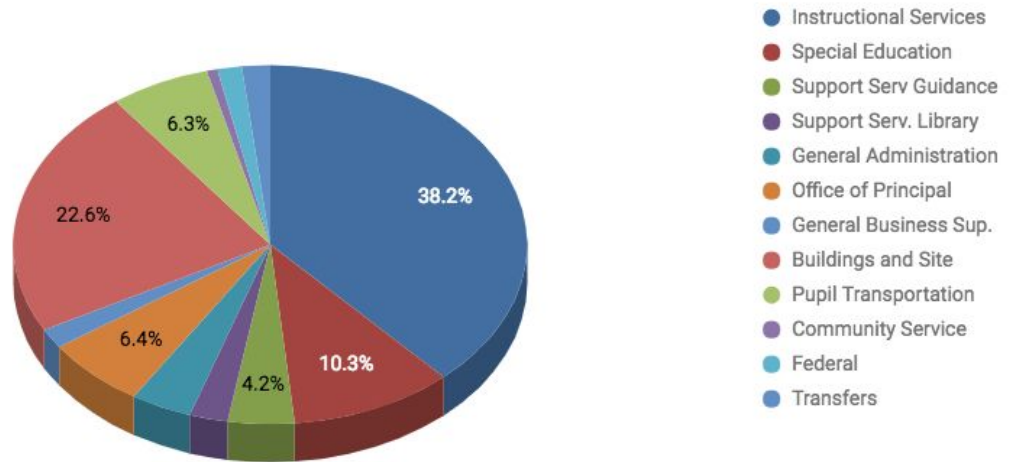
### **FINANCES:**

**Levy information** This Chart shows the district-wide levy for the past three years:

<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
General	.511	.565	.539
Building	.038	.020	.003
<b>Total</b>	<b>.549</b>	<b>.585</b>	<b>.542</b>

The Pie Chart below shows the percentage of district spending by category

Spending by Category



This bar graph shows a history of total General Fund expenditures from the first year of the merger, 2002-2003 until the current year. Expenditures have increased approximately 39% over the past 14 years, or approximately 2.8% annually.

Total General Fund Expenditures

