

**Heartland Community Schools
Henderson/Bradshaw
Annual Report to Patrons
District #96
Fall 2008**

This report is to provide information to the patrons of the Heartland Community Schools – Henderson/Bradshaw about the school system and to comply with Nebraska State Department of Education accreditation regulations. If you have further questions concerning this information, please call the superintendent’s office.

MISSION STATEMENT: Heartland Community Schools – Henderson/Bradshaw is dedicated to educating all students by providing challenging opportunities to learn according to individual needs.

DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS: The Heartland School District encompasses 154.4 square miles and is located in York, Hamilton, and Fillmore Counties. Grades K-12 attend classes at one location in Henderson.

ENROLLMENT:

Grade	Total		
K	19		
1	25		
2	22		
3	20		
4	20		
5	18		
6	23	Total Grades K-6	146
7	17		
8	24	Total Grades 7-8	41
9	30		
10	31		
11	23		
12	29	Total Grades 9-12	113
		<u>TOTAL ENROLLMENT:</u>	300

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: The 2008-2009 general fund budget for the Heartland School District is \$4,409,529. Property tax requirements are 1.0569 per \$100 valuation for the General Fund and 0.234 for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund.

The District levy for the General Fund the past 10 years the Heartland District has been consolidated, is as follows:

General Fund		Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	
		<u>Levy Cap</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>
1999-2000	1.000457	1.10	
2000-2001	1.006694	1.10	
2001-2002	.9686	1.00	
2002-2003	.9693	1.00	
2003-2004	.9998	1.05	
2004-2005	1.015	1.05	
2005-2006	1.0613	1.0615	
2006-2007	1.0637	1.0639	
2007-2008	1.0636	1.0637	
2008-2009	1.0569	1.0570	.0234
			1.0783

The assessed valuation for the District is as follows:

	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
York County	232,291,537	253,523,726
Hamilton County	54,853,021	59,218,568
Fillmore County	<u>250,580</u>	<u>291,385</u>
Total District Valuation	\$ 287,395,138	\$ 313,033,679

The budget of revenue and expenditures for 2008-2009:

REVENUE:	<u>2007-2008</u>		<u>2008-2009</u>	
Local	3,277,929	79.0%	3,366,774	76.4%
State	277,046	6.7%	484,919	11.0%
Federal	<u>594,534</u>	<u>14.3%</u>	<u>557,836</u>	<u>12.6%</u>
TOTAL	4,149,509	100%	4,409,529	100%

EXPENDITURES:	<u>2007-2008</u>		<u>2007-2008</u>	
Instructional Services	2,877,390	65.8%	2,776,402	63.0%
Pupil Support Services	197,724	4.5%	177,592	4.0%
Bd of Ed/Exec. Admin.	213,957	4.9%	219,908	5.0%
Office of the Principal	256,194	5.9%	264,084	6.0%
Business Operation	31,550	.7%	32,056	.7%
Operation/Maintenance	382,143	8.7%	547,767	12.4%
Pupil Transportation	212,011	4.8%	234,291	5.3%
Transfer to other Funds	5,000	.1%	7,500	.2%
Federal Program	<u>199,627</u>	<u>4.6%</u>	<u>149,929</u>	<u>3.4%</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,375,596	100%	4,409,529	100%

BOARD OF EDUCATION: The Heartland Board of Education is made up of 6 elected board members. They serve a 4-year term with 3 members elected every 2 years. Current board members are: Gary Braun, President; Paul Brune, Vice President; Debra Wilhelm, Secretary; Mark Dick, Treasurer; Galen Friesen, and Kerri Kliever.

ADMINISTRATION: The Heartland Community Schools administration includes Dr. Norm Yoder, Superintendent, beginning his 24th year; Blaine Friesen, 7-12 principal, beginning his 24th year, and Cindy Huebert, elementary principal, beginning her 2nd year. All three administrators have Masters degrees, one has an Ed.S. degree, and one a Ph.D. degree. The three have a combined total of 59 years in administration.

FACULTY: There is 30 full-time and 3 part-time certificated staff. Thirteen of these have a Master's degree.

SUPPORT STAFF: There is 5 full-time and 24 part-time support staff.

CONTRACTED SERVICES: The Heartland Community Schools - Henderson/Bradshaw is a member of the ESU 6 Special Education Cooperative, which provides for special services, including special education, speech/language services and pre-school services. The cooperative is made up of seven school districts in York, Fillmore, and Saline counties as well as other ESU 6 schools that wish to participate. Heartland has in the past received Calculus, and Anatomy & Physiology by way of distance learning, a two-way audio/video connection with other school districts in Southeast Nebraska. German II is broadcast from Heartland this year.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR: The Heartland Community Schools - Henderson/Bradshaw students take the California Achievement Tests (CAT) in grades 3,4,5,6,8, and 11. The chart shows the percentage of students who score above the national average.

Grade 4	Reading	Language	Math	Battery	Grade 8	Reading	Language	Math	Battery
03-04	57%	52%	66%	60%	03-04	62%	68%	83%	75%
04-05	68%	78%	91%	82%	04-05	62%	55%	78%	68%
05-06	71%	78%	92%	79%	05-06	76%	72%	84%	84%
06-07	59%	73%	73%	73%	06-07	79%	73%	74%	70%
07-08	64%	61%	78%	67%	07-08	42%	46%	56%	48%
Grade 6	Reading	Language	Math	Battery	Grade 11	Reading	Language	Math	Battery
03-04	95%	82%	86%	86%	03-04	70%	76%	50%	66%
04-05	56%	73%	69%	72%	04-05	69%	75%	75%	85%
05-06	64%	65%	57%	61%	05-06	90%	86%	90%	94%
06-07	71%	66%	79%	70%	06-07	70%	76%	76%	76%
07-08	74%	94%	74%	74%	07-08	64%	67%	60%	60%

Tenth grade students take the Pre-American College Tests (PLAN). Since Heartland tested less than 25 sophomores last year, PLAN does not issue a summary report, so there is no summary information available.

Most of the seniors take the American College Tests (ACT)*. Results of the last 5 years are as

follows:

COMPOSITE STANDARD SCORE

	<u>ACT (class of)</u>	<u>All Students</u>	<u>Top 1/2 of Class</u>	<u>State Ave.</u>	<u>Nat'l Ave.</u>
Enhanced	2004	23.00	25.40	21.70	20.90
ACT	2005	22.40	24.10	21.80	20.90
	2006	22.96	24.70	22.60	21.90
	2007	23.16	25.23	22.10	21.20
	2008	22.20	25.06	22.10	21.10

* Caution: Because not all seniors take the ACT each year, the percentiles do not necessarily reflect whole class achievement. Additionally, this fact makes it difficult to compare years or trends in ACT figures. Over the past 5 years, 90% of Heartland seniors have taken the ACT. In comparison, only 77% of the seniors in Southern Nebraska Conference schools have taken the ACT; only 70% statewide; only 67% nation wide. This high percentage tends to lower the overall average when such a high number take this test.

NEBRASKA STARS – School Based Teacher-led Assessment and Reporting

System: Heartland Community Schools – Henderson/Bradshaw aligned its Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies objectives to the Nebraska State Standards, which state what all students should know and be able to do. This year we will assess student learning in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. The assessments, developed by local teachers during a series of workshops coupled with national standardized tests, measure student learning. In addition, students in Grades 4, 8, and 11 will participate in the statewide writing assessment in February 2009. Reports of student achievement for all districts in the Language Arts, Math, and Science assessments will be published in December of 2008.