

ANNUAL REPORT

Focused Success Among the Chaos

Life Lessons

Our staff and students give back to the community in many ways. One example was building snowmen outside the windows of our local care center for the residents to enjoy.

Why?

Charles Dickens once said, "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of others".

Education is an experience beyond the books. We learn that by lightening those burdens, we in turn grow.

It is simply the right thing to do.



Staying focused among the chaos was difficult, but necessary.

We managed to stay open and made some incredible progress even though we were surrounded by a global pandemic. When people experience a bit of fear and feel threatened by the unknown, the automatic physiological "fight or flight" reaction occurs. There was plenty of both of these reactions during the year, but we were able to navigate the choppy waters by keeping our focus on the students. Our staff did an amazing job amongst the chaos and the gains were academic, personal, and socio-emotional for our students.

"I can be changed by what happens to me. But I refuse to be reduced by it." - Maya Angelou

Our students and staff were stellar during this difficult time. The teachers and staff never wavered and continued to put their hearts and souls into every student, every day during this time. They were changed, but not reduced in their dedication and commitment to what is best for our students.

They deserve nothing less than our grace, respect, and support.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

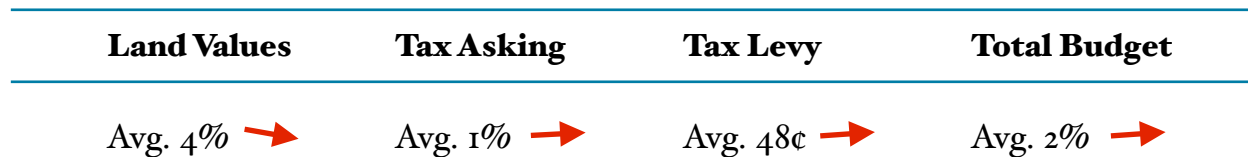
While land values increased, we designed our budgets to keep tax asking as low as possible, while maintaining quality offerings, updating technology, and making building improvements.

Our levy has decreased from \$1.10 in 2010-11 to just \$0.49 in 2019-20.



5-YEAR TRENDS

School finance is a state funding issue, not a local taxing issue. In the 1998-99 school year, Heartland received \$576,000 in equalization aid. For the last six years, we have received little or no equalization aid.



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Initial Rating Based Upon Data

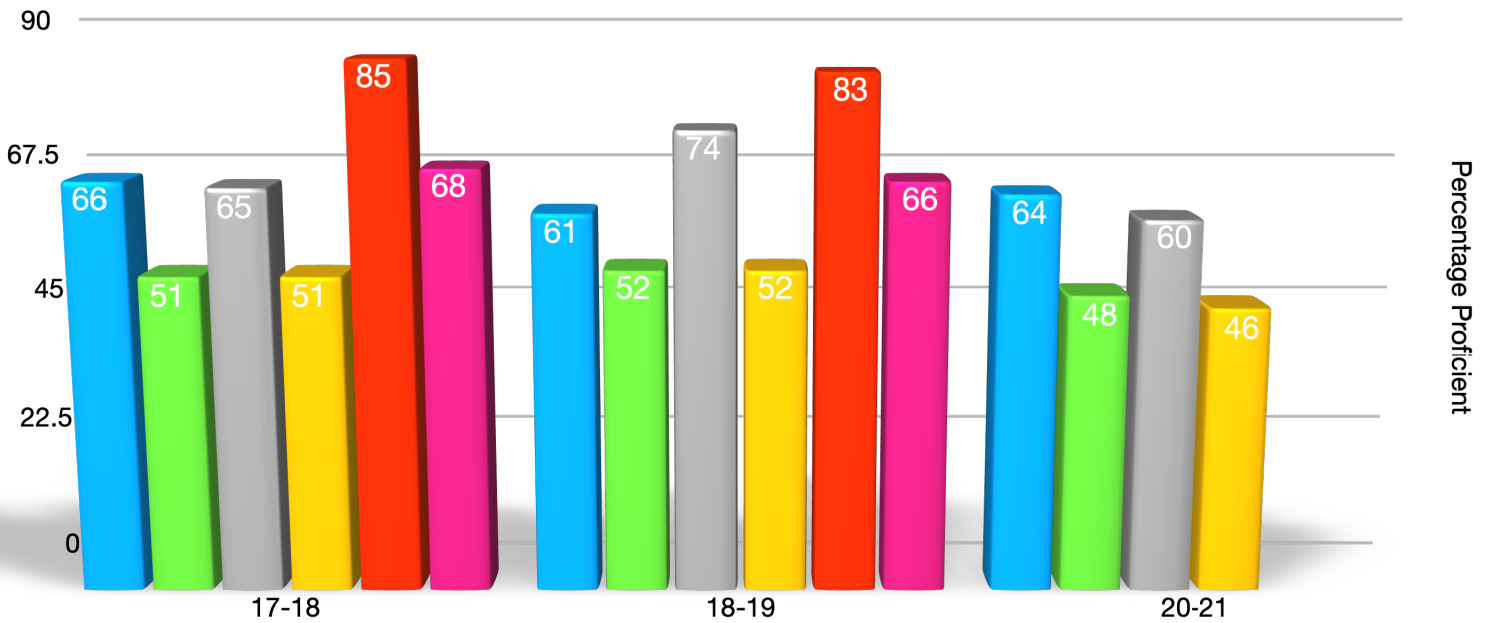
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2018 -19 Final Rating Based Upon All Factors

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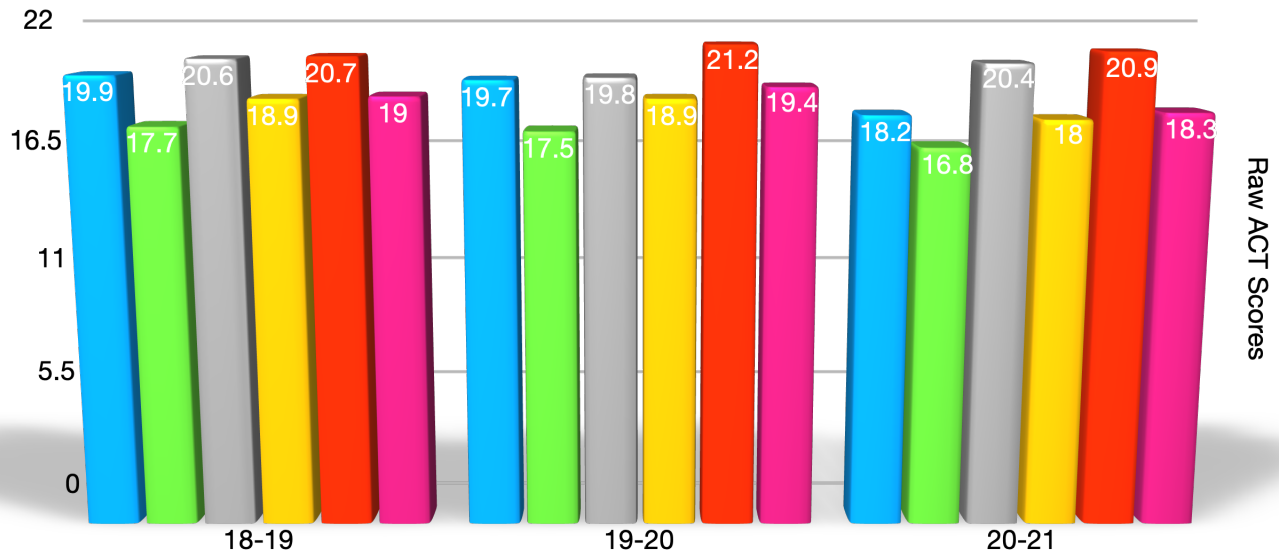
State Testing

■ HCS English
 ■ NE English
 ■ HCS Math
 ■ NE Math
 ■ HCS Science
 ■ NE Science



ACT Testing

■ HCS Eng
 ■ NE Eng
 ■ HCS Math
 ■ NE Math
 ■ HCS Sci
 ■ NE Sci



WHO IS HEARTLAND?

Demographics



Student Membership ⓘ Peers ⓘ
344 338
State
324,176



Teachers ⓘ Peers ⓘ
29 31
State
23,985

Program Participation



English Learners ⓘ Peers ⓘ
6%
Data is masked due to low numbers.
State
7%



Free/Reduced Lunch ⓘ Peers ⓘ
30% 43%
State
46%



Gifted ⓘ Peers ⓘ
10% 12%
State
13%



Special Education ⓘ Peers ⓘ
16% 16%
State
16%

Metrics



Attendance Rate ⓘ Peers ⓘ
94% 95%
State
93%



Dropout Rate ⓘ Peers ⓘ
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State
1%

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