



SUTTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT NO. 2
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This annual report has two purposes, (1) to keep the patrons informed about the school system and (2) to meet the requirements of Rule 10 established by the Nebraska Department of Education. This report is for your information and if you have questions, feel free to contact the Superintendent.

General Information

Sutton Public Schools is a Class III school that is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education. The school is a member of the Southern Nebraska Conference that includes: Centennial, David City, Fillmore Central, Thayer Central, Heartland, Milford, Sandy Creek, Superior, Sutton, Tri-County, Wilber-Clatonia, and Cross County.

The District is governed by a six-member Board of Education. Each member is selected for a four year term. Board members must be residents of School District #2 and each member serves the district with no compensation for their services. The Board

of Education holds a regular meeting on the third Monday of each month. Board meetings are normally held in the board room, which is located in the Superintendent's office. All board meetings are open to the public and are advertised according to state open meeting laws. Public notice of meetings is placed in the Clay County News. Current board members are: Ty Yost-president, Neal Schlautman-vice president, Sara Nuss-secretary, and members Jane Green, Mark Bailey, and Mike Thompson.

District Demographics

2008-2009 Enrollment

Pre-K (BEES) - 20

Kindergarten - 31

First Grade - 25

Second Grade - 35

Third Grade - 24

Fourth Grade - 39

Fifth Grade - 20

Sixth Grade - 25

K-6 Enrollment - 219

Seventh Grade - 23

Eighth Grade - 36

7/8 Enrollment - 59

Ninth Grade - 31

Tenth Grade - 35

Eleventh Grade - 35

Twelfth Grade - 26

9-12 Enrollment - 127

Total Enrollment - 405

Geographic Size - 187.6 square miles

Counties included in the school District are Clay, Hamilton, Fillmore, and York.

2007-2008 Student Information

During the 2007-2008 school year the average daily membership for grades Pre K-12 was 399.5 students. The average daily attendance was 372.7 students for an attendance rate of 96.2%.

Graduate Information

There were 36 graduates in 2008. This is a 100% graduation rate for the class of 2008. Of the class of 2008, 15 are attending a 2 year post-secondary school; 13 a 4 year post-secondary school; 5 are working, and 3 are in the military. Below is a history of what graduates did the year after high school:

TYPE	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
4 Yr College	47.1%	72%	48.3%	53.7%	40.9%	33.3%	46.15%	20%	39.29%	36.11%
2 Yr College	38%	9.3%	41.4%	41.5%	43.2%	54.5%	51.28%	60%	57.14%	41.66%
Work	12%	11.6%	-0-	-0-	9.1%	6.1%	2.56%	20%	3.57%	13.88%
Military	-0-	4.6%	10.4%	4.9%	6.8%	6.1%	-0-	-0-	-0-	8.33%
Academies	2.9%	2.3%	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

Test Information 2007-2008 School Year

This report presents information about the fourth, eighth, and eleventh grades' performance on the Terra Nova Assessment. It describes achievement in terms of national Percentiles, which compare this group with other students of the same grade nationally. Percentile rank places a score in a distribution by identifying the percentage of scores that fall at or below the given score.

NATIONAL PERCENTILES

	READ- ING	LANG.	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	SPELL
4TH GRADE	45	56	75	46	60	62
8TH GRADE	49	55.7	73.3	66	52	57
11TH GRADE	67.5	61.5	71.5	70.5	64.3	67.0

2008 ACT Score Comparison

This report presents information about last years Seniors' performance on the ACT test. It compares local and state ACT averages.

	ENGLISH	MATH	READING	SCIENCE REASONING	COMPOSITE
STATE	21.8	21.8	22.5	21.9	22.1
LOCAL	19.8	21.7	20.7	21.2	21.0

State Assessments

Writing - Students have met the state standards if they are proficient.

Grade 4 – 94.44% of the class were proficient or advanced.

Grade 8 – 100% of the 8th grade were proficient or advanced.

Grade 11 – 96% of the class were proficient or advanced.

Math - Students were assessed as to whether they are meeting the state standards in mathematics. Below you will find the percent of students that met the state standards in mathematics.

Grade 4 - 100% of those students were proficient or advanced.

Grade 8 - 92.45% were proficient or advanced

Grade 11 – 95.24% of the class were proficient or advanced.

Reading—Students were assessed as to whether they are meeting the state standards in reading. Below you will find the percent of students that met the state standards in reading.

Grade 4– 98.82% of the class were proficient or advanced.

Grade 8 - 100% were proficient or advanced.

Grade 11— 94.78 were proficient or advanced.

Science– Students in fifth, eighth, and eleventh grades were assessed as to whether they are meeting the state standards in science. Below you will find the percent of students who met or exceeded the state proficiency standards.

Grade 5– 100% of the class were proficient or advanced.

Grade 8– 100% were proficient or advanced.

Grade 11– 97.85% were proficient or advanced.

Financial Information

Valuation and Tax Rates—The 2008-2009 valuation for Sutton Public Schools is \$288,550,322. The total valuation for 07/08 was \$263,190,163. Tax rates per hundred of valuation for the past 16 years are shown below:

Year	General	Bond	Special Building	Asbestos	Prop Tax Reimb	Total
93/94	1.2830	.1170	-0-	.0202	-0-	1.4243
94/95	1.2676	.1046	.0357	-0-	-0-	1.4079
95/96	1.3556	.0826	.0105	-0-	-0-	1.4487
96/97	1.35148	.08329	.0329	-0-	-0-	1.4877
97/98	1.3530	-0-	.0970	-0-	-0-	1.45
98/99	1.15779	-0-	.02465	-0-	-0-	1.1824
99/00	1.11684	-0-	.06046	-0-	-0-	1.1773
00/01	1.097060	-0-	.053966	-0-	-0-	1.1511
01/02	1.0510	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	1.0510
02/03	1.1996	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	1.1996
03/04	1.1455	-0-	.0337	-0-	-0-	1.1792
04/05	1.1275	-0-	.0225	-0-	-0-	1.15
05/06	1.0962	-0-	.0362	-0-	-0-	1.1324
06/07	1.158355	-0-	.022981	-0-	-0-	1.181336
07/08	1.116540	-0-	.068390	-0-	-0-	1.18493
08/09	1.047930	-0-	.101507	-0-	-0-	1.149437

The 2008-2009 budget consists of a total General Fund Budget of Expenditures of \$4,505,368. Estimated receipts for the General Fund Budget of Expenditures are:

2007-2008 Estimated Receipts

Receipt Source	Estimated Amount	Percent of Total
Local Property Tax	3,023,804.66	73%
Local Sources	166,564	4%
County Sources	20,000	.48%
Special Education	184,000	4.4%
State Aid	382,753	9.2%
Other State Sources	43,845.98	1.0%
Federal Sources	317,094.35	7.7%

During the 2007-2008 school year \$4,555,654.12 was spent to educate the 399.5 student average membership (including BEES preschool) for the year. This is a \$11,403 cost per student. The 2007-2008 valuation of \$263,190,163 was an average of \$658,799 per student. The 2008-2009 valuation per student is \$712,469.93 and it is estimated that \$11,124 will be the cost per student. (This includes the BEES preschool)

Staffing

Sutton Public Schools is served by three administrators, Mrs. Dana Wiseman, Superintendent; Mr. Mike Shoff, Secondary Principal; and Mrs. Beth Ericson, Elementary Principal. Mrs. Wiseman is beginning her 6th year at Sutton, this is the first year at Sutton for Mr. Shoff, and Mrs. Ericson is beginning her 4th year. The superintendent's contract is for 12 months; the secondary principal and elementary principal are on a 10 ½ month contract. Principals are required to hold a Masters Degree with an endorsement as a school principal. The Superintendent has an Educational Specialist Degree with a provisional certification as a School Superintendent.

In addition to the administrative staff, the school is served by 39 certificated teachers. Seventeen of the teachers hold a masters degree, 43.5%. Teachers are contracted for 185 days of service; two teachers have 205 day contracts, one has a 200 day contract, and one a 195 day contract. Teachers must hold a

minimum of a Bachelors Degree with proper endorsements in their educational teaching field. Teachers at Sutton average 14 years teaching at Sutton and 19 years of total teaching experience.

The support staff consists of 25 full- and part-time employees. Included are three secretaries, one bookkeeper, one registered nurse, seven instructional/playground assistants, five food-service personnel, five transportation personnel and four custodians. Three custodians are full-time and one custodian is part-time.

The school contracts with Educational Service Unit #9 for diagnostic/evaluation services. Occupational and physical therapy is contracted through Grand Island Physical Therapy and Sports Services. Sutton Public Schools provides services for Speech Language and Resource with Sutton school employees.