



WAHOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2020-21

Community Report

INSPIRING OUR STUDENTS TO THRIVE!



Wahoo Public Schools

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NDE ~ AQuESTT Classification

(A Quality Education System, Today &
Tomorrow)

Wahoo High School: GREAT

Wahoo Middle School: GREAT

Wahoo Elementary: EXCELLENT

**Wahoo Public Schools:
EXCELLENT**

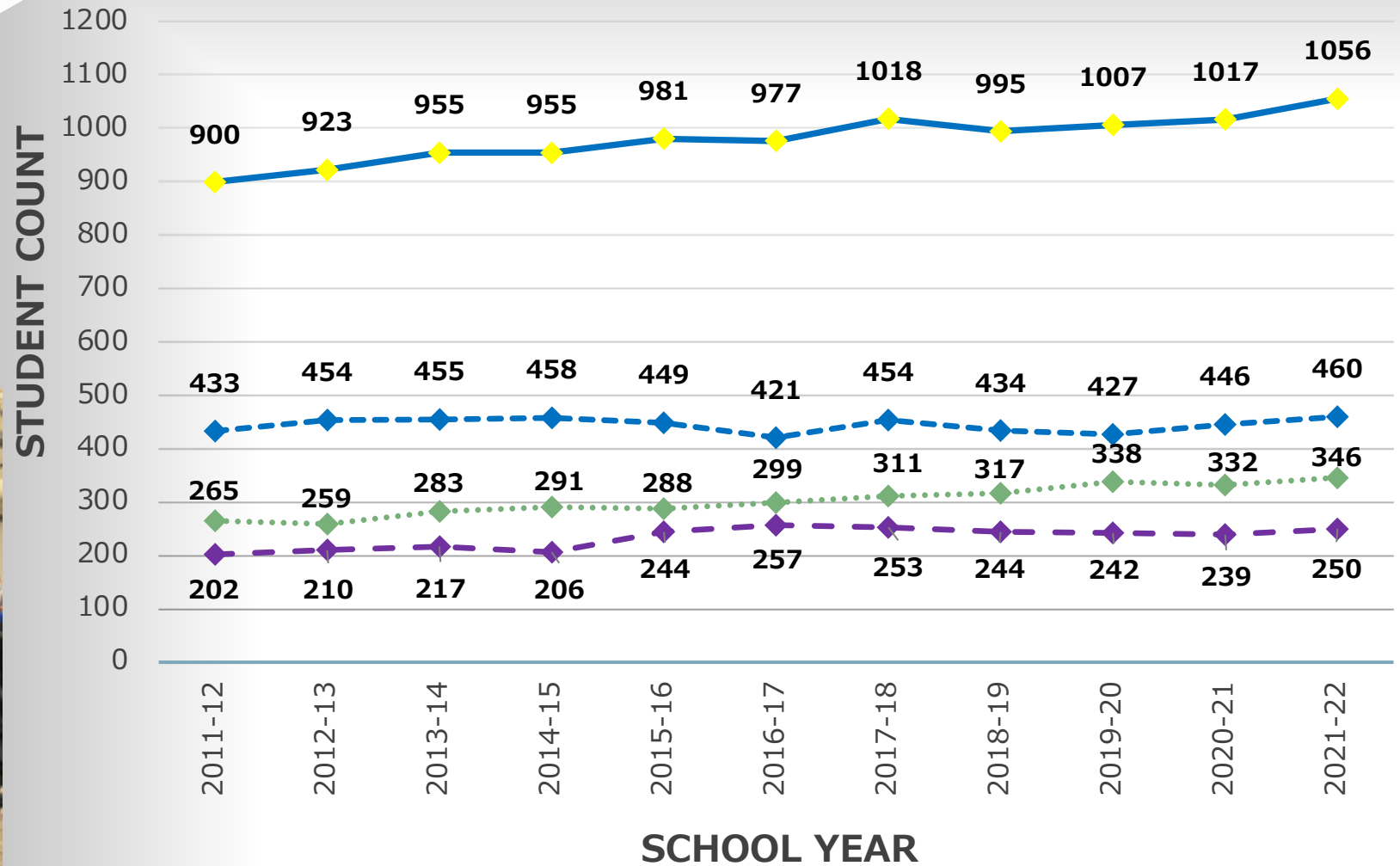
	District Size	• 191.5 sq miles
	Master's Teacher Degree %	• 62.72%
	Average Years of Teaching Experience	• 16.58
	NSAA Classification	• B / C-1

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UNL Stock Market Challenge

District Enrollment



◆ Total Enrollment
 ◆ Elementary
 ◆ Middle School
 ◆ High School

DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Attendance Rate

- District - 93.45%
- State - 93.21%

High Ability Learner

- District - 6%
- State - 13.10%

Receiving Special Education Services

- District - 21.63%
- State - 15.67%

Eligible for Free/Reduced Meals

- District - 29.72%
- State - 46.33%

English Learner

- District **
- State - 7.25%

Highly Mobile

- District - 6.20%
- State - 3.95%

Graduation Rate

- District - 94.59%
- State - 87.56%

College Going Rate

- District - 91%
- State - 75%

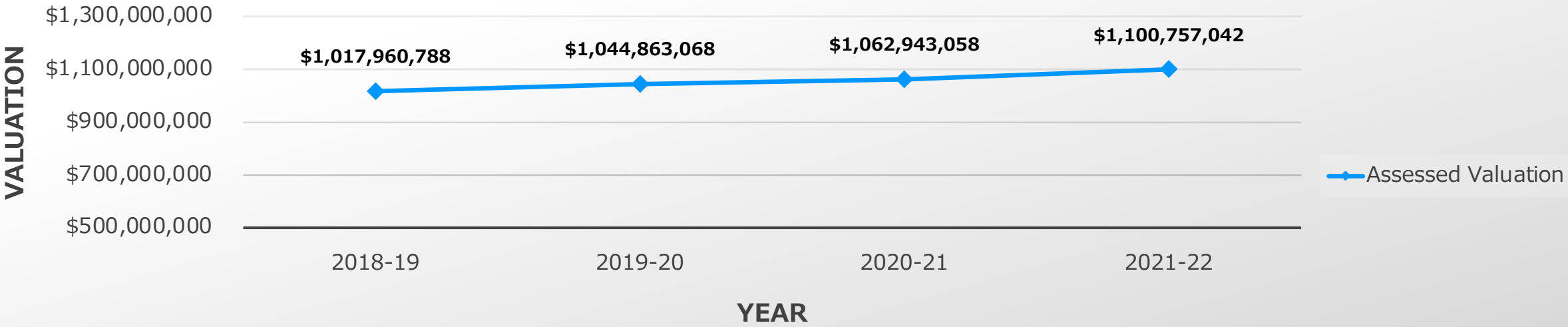
We are committed to:

- Equipping our students for the 21st Century
- Providing opportunities for students to realize their full potential
- Creating engaged citizens
- Collaborating with the greater Wahoo community

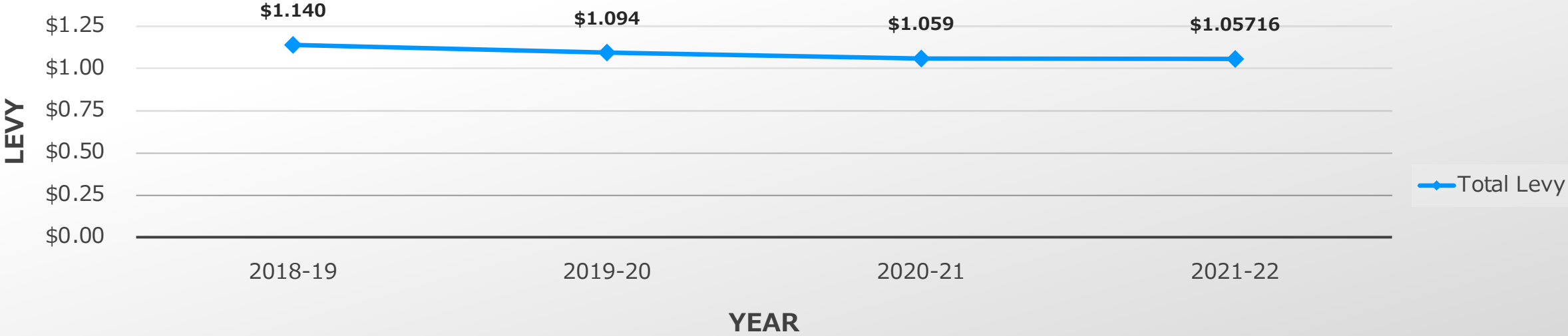


Wahoo Elementary School

Assessed Valuation

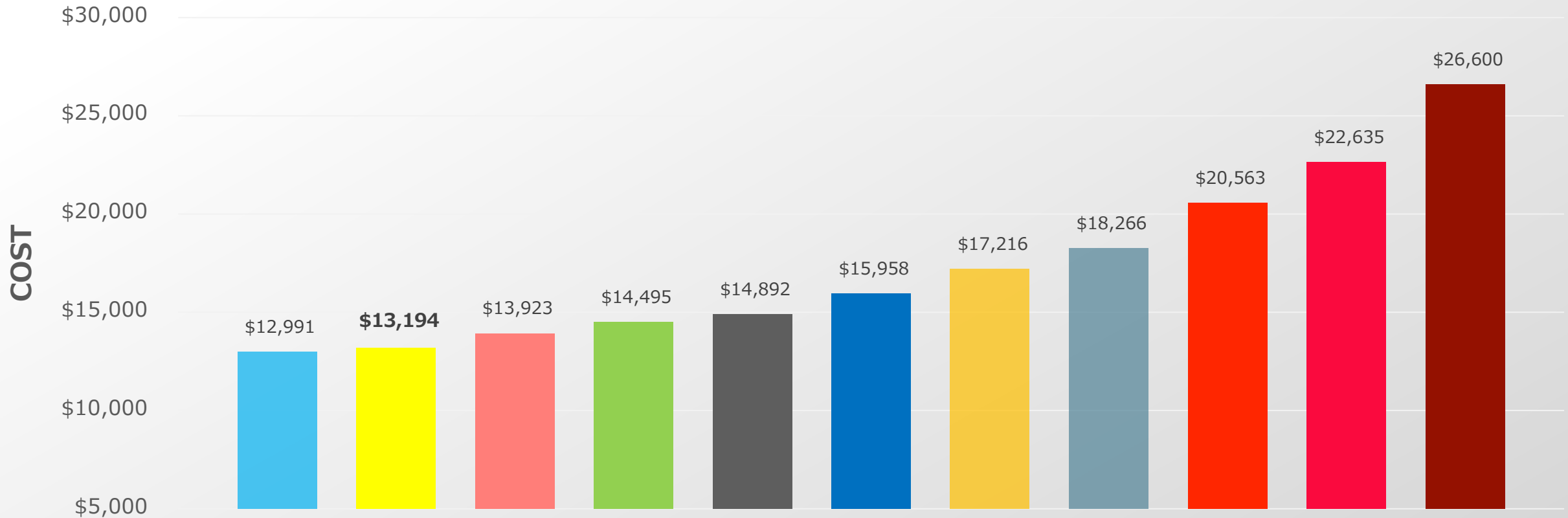


Total Levy



COST PER PUPIL ('20-'21 SY)

(Based on Avg. Daily Membership)



LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Ashland-Greenwood

Wahoo

DC West

STATEWIDE AVERAGE

Yutan

Raymond Central

North Bend Central

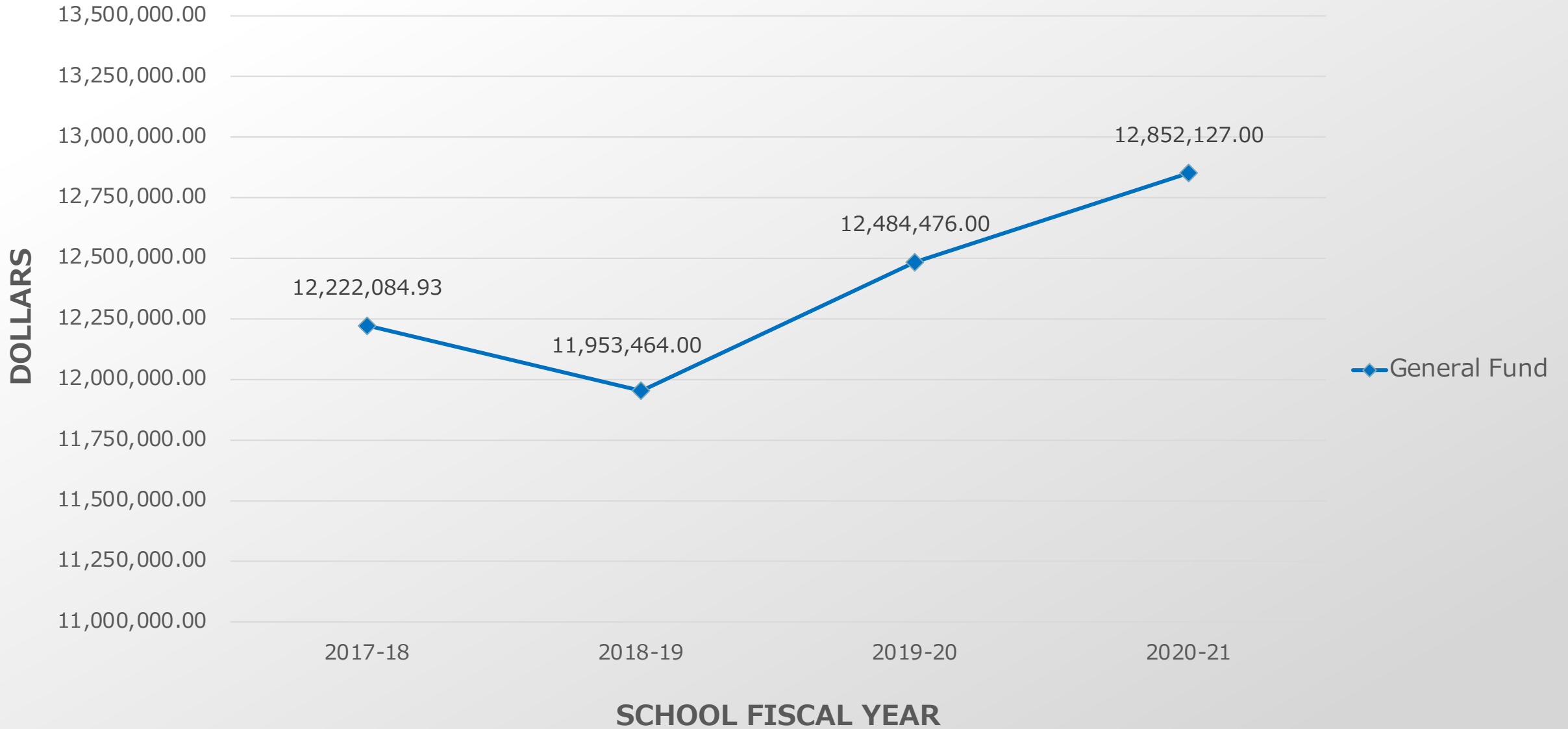
Cedar Bluffs

David City Public

Mead

East Butler

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



The following chart includes course work required to meet basic WHS graduation requirements. Graduation requirements are two-fold: a minimum of 250 credits and all required classes.

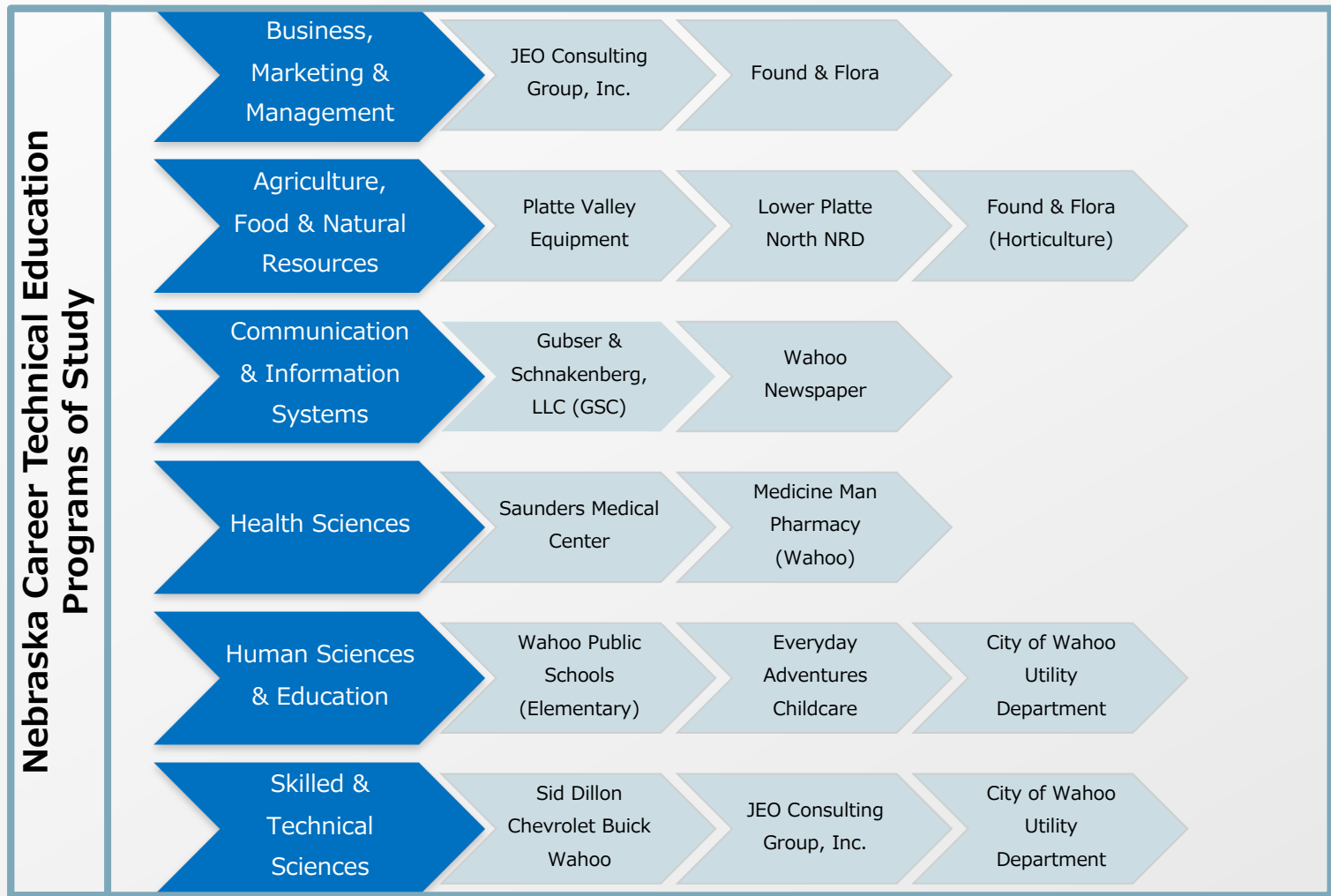
ENGLISH	4.5 years (9 semesters)	45 credits
Speech (1 semester)		
English 9: S1 & S2		
English 10: S1 & S2		
English 11: S1 & S2		
Senior English: one year of the following choices:		
English 12-I & English 12-II		
College Composition I & College Composition II		
Intro to College Literature (1 semester)		
Creative Writing (1 semester)		
MATH	3 years (6 semesters)	30 credits
Algebra 1: S1 & S2		
Geometry or Honors Geometry: S1 & S2		
Algebra 2 Essentials, Algebra 2 or Honors Algebra 2: S1 & S2		
SCIENCE	3 years (6 semesters)	30 credits
General Science: S1 & S2		
Biology or Honors Biology: S1 & S2		
Chemistry Essentials, Chemistry or Honors Chemistry: S1 & S2		
SOCIAL STUDIES	3.5 years (7 semesters)	35 credits
World Geography (S1 & S2)		
World History (S1 & S2)		
U.S. History (S1 & S2)		
American Government (1 semester)		
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1 year (2 semesters)	10 credits
FINE ARTS	1 year (2 semesters)	10 credits
BUSINESS	1 year (2 semesters)	10 credits
Personal Finance (1 semester)		
Business Economics (1 semester)		
CTE (Career/Tech Ed.)	1&1/2 years (3 semesters)	15 credits
Courses in Business, FCS & or Skills & Technical Sciences		
LIFE SKILLS	1/2 year (1 semester)	5 credits
ELECTIVES	(12 semesters)	60 credits

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Career Education Opportunities (CEOs)

The Career Exploration Opportunities (CEOs) program assists Wahoo High School students with understanding the linkages between school and work. Through CEOs, students explore and discover their passions, confidence, and skills through a worksite experience in a career cluster of interest. Students are given the opportunity to enhance what they have learned in the classroom in a real-world environment; our community becomes an extension of their education.

The CEOs partnership between education and business provides a student the opportunity to learn firsthand, about the skill and educational requirements necessary for career areas in which they are interested.



Some of the defining characteristics of the CEOs program are fundamental to work-based learning, such as:

- A close relationship between students' classroom instruction and their workplace experience.
- Offering quality workplace experiences for students.
- Non-traditional scheduling that demonstrates a willingness to make systemic change.
- Joint business-educator development of program.

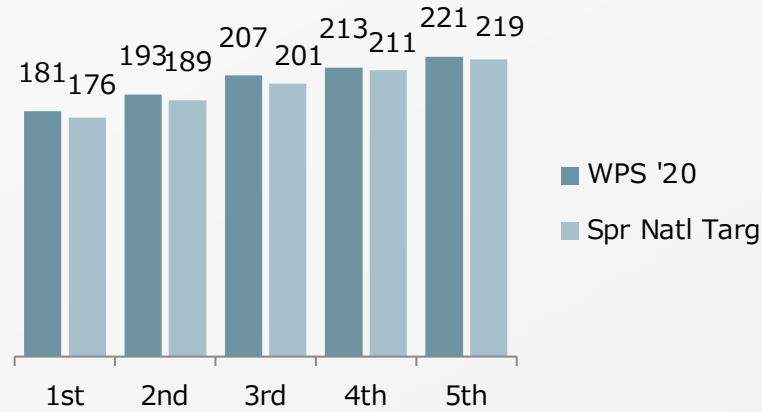
NATIONAL Testing – NWEA MAP

Wahoo Public Schools utilize the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments for our nationally-normed achievement test. These tests are administered to students in grades 1st – 8th. Reading, Math and Science tests are administered during the Fall and Winter testing terms.

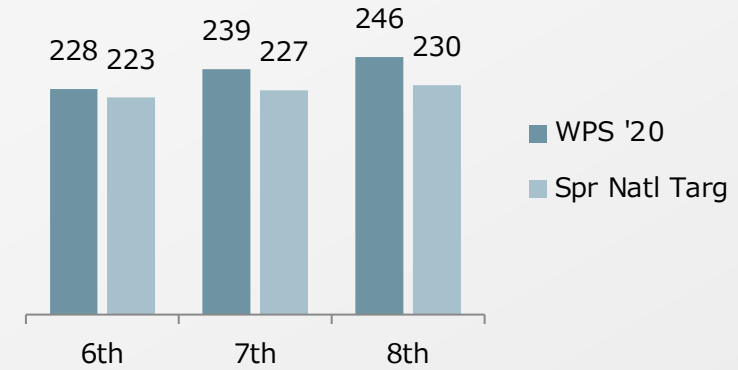


Outdoor Classroom

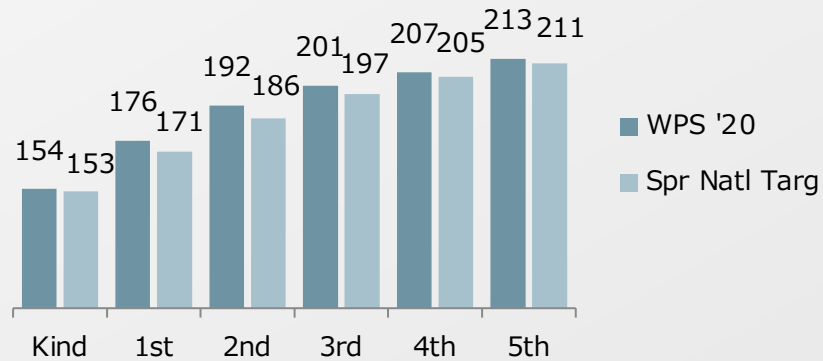
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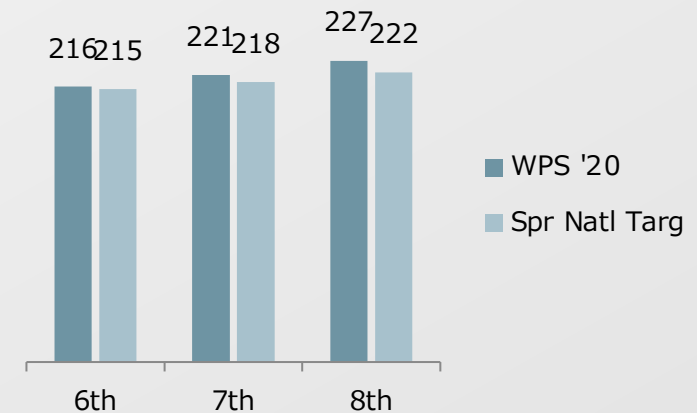
MAP Math (WMS)



MAP Reading (WES)



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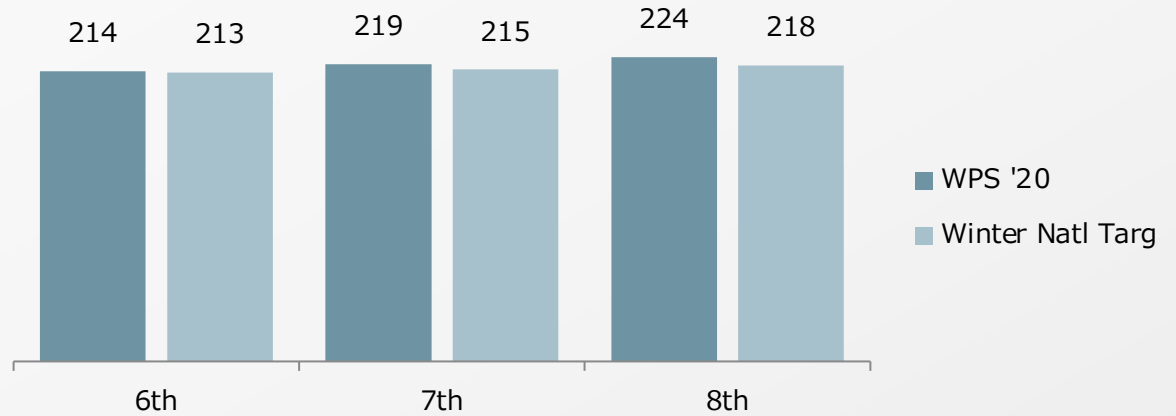


WHS One-Act

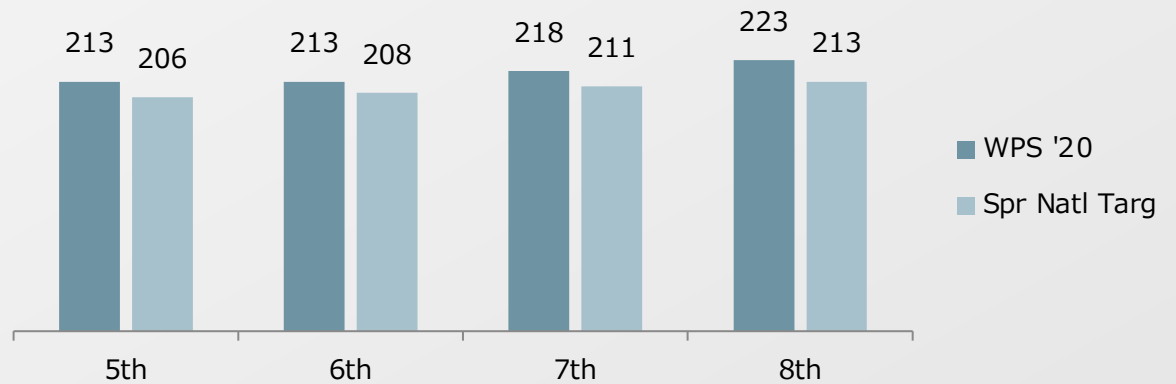
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MAP assessments provide ongoing data related to a student’s readiness for instruction and their growth in particular subject areas. The tests adaptive nature provides teachers and administrators with an opportunity to better identify what individual students are ready to learn. Scores are reported as a RIT score and the graphs below compare WPS students to national norms.

MAP Language Usage (WMS)



MAP Science (5th - 8th)

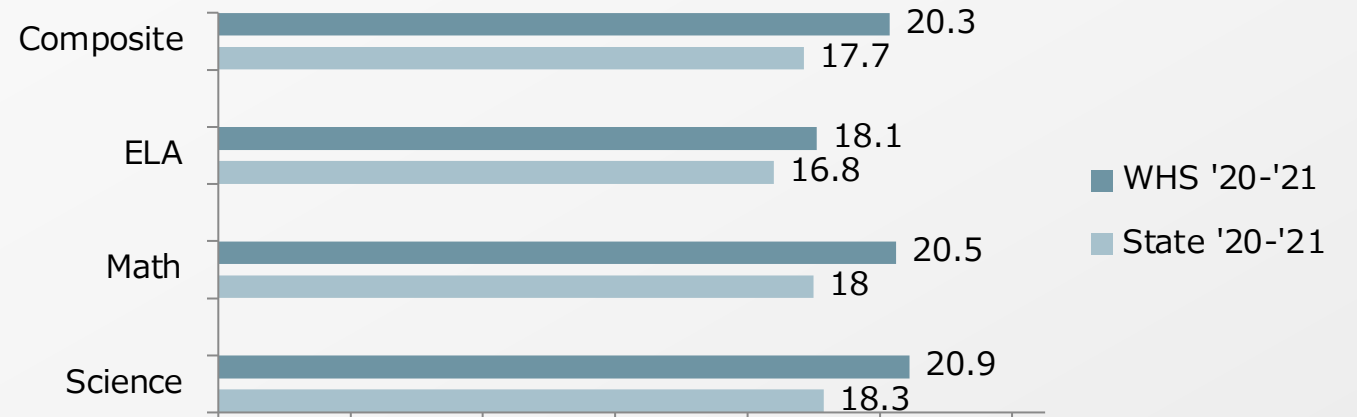


STATE Testing – ACT

During the 2020-21 school year, the ACT was administered as the statewide summative for all 3rd year HS students (Juniors). The ACT results provide an indicator of college readiness in the form of skills and higher order thinking. Wahoo High School had 90, 11th graders complete the ACT in March of 2021. The state has established cut scores to indicate whether a student completing the ACT is “On Track” for future success in college. Those scores begin at the following: ELA = 18; Math = 18; Science = 19



ACT 2021 (11th graders)



ACT 2020-2021 (12th graders)



Dual Credit (SENCAP)

Wahoo Public Schools offers opportunities for students to pursue college-level courses both on campus and via distance learning. Wahoo High School partners with Southeast Community College and is proud to offer high school students the opportunity to enroll in Southeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnership (SENCAP) which offers several Academies: Agriculture, Business, Construction, Criminal Justice, Education, Health Sciences, Information Technology, and Manufacturing in Energy and Welding.

Juniors and seniors in high school have the opportunity to take college-level coursework in a career field of their interest, and also have multiple opportunities to explore their career in a hands-on approach through job shadowing, field trips, professional speakers, and annual events highlighting resume building, mock interviews, and other worthy career-related activities.

1st Semester Dual Credit (21-22)

Course	#Enrolled	Instructor
Public Speaking	35	On site (SCC)
Composition I	42	Mr. Fangman
College Algebra	10	Mrs. Nuckolls
SENCAP (18 different classes)		Online via SCC
# Ss enrolled in dual credit Semester 1		87
# Ss enrolled in 2+ classes Semester 1		46
# Ss enrolled for the 1 st time		25

2nd Semester Dual Credit (21-22)

Course	#Enrolled	Instructor
Amer History II (Late America)	2	Online w/AGHS
Applied Statistics	16	Mr. Jacobsen
College Algebra	9	Mrs. Nuckolls
Comparative Religions	14	Online via SCC
Introduction to Literature	37	Mr. Minnick
SENCAP (18 different classes)		Online via SCC
# Ss enrolled in dual credit Semester 2		108
# Ss enrolled in 2+ classes Semester 2		45
# Ss enrolled for the 1 st time		24

ACCREDITATION

Wahoo Public Schools currently hold accreditation status with the Nebraska Department of Education ~ Nebraska Framework. Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance designed primarily to distinguish schools adhering to a set of educational standards. Today, the accreditation process is used at all levels of education and is recognized for its ability to effectively drive student performance and continuous improvement in education.



INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS

EFFECTIVE EDUCATORS

Elementary School

Total Instructional Hours Required	1032 Hrs
Total Instructional Hours Attended	1094Hrs

Middle School

Total Instructional Hours Required	1080 Hrs
Total Instructional Hours Attended	1138 Hrs

High School

Total Instructional Hours Required	1080 Hrs
Total Instructional Hours Attended	1138 Hrs

Recognizing that our school district's most valuable asset is its educators, the Board of Education acknowledges the need for the continuing evaluation of the performance of teachers and educational specialists employed by Wahoo Public Schools and requires the Superintendent to ensure that such evaluation is carried out as outlined in policy. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to develop appropriate regulations and procedures to implement and ensure policies, regulations, and procedures comply with Nebraska law and Nebraska Department of Education regulations regarding the evaluation of certificated personnel. Specific requests for teacher qualification information should be directed to Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brandon Lavaley.



WPS Board of Education

Back row (from left): Rob Brigham, Renae Feilmeier, Alex Shada
Front row: Brett Eddie, Lora Iversen, Mike Hancock

Board of Education

The Wahoo Public Schools Board of Education meets on the third Monday of each month in the Wahoo High School Library, located at 2201 North Locust Street. As the elected governing body of the School District, the Wahoo Public Board of Education is the liaison between the community and professional educators. Community input is welcome as the board prepares long-range plans, writes educationally sound policies and prepares for the future. The Board continually assesses community priorities and invites the residents of the District to contact its members and/or the Superintendent for input.



The mission of the Wahoo Public Schools, with the support of our community, is:

"Inspiring Our Students To Thrive"

The communities that are served by our district include Wahoo, Colon, Ithaca, Malmo, Swedeburg and Weston. There are two attendance centers within Wahoo Public Schools; a K-5 Elementary School with a Head Start/Special Education preschool program, and a 6-8 Middle and 9-12 High School with separated instructional areas. An Alternative Education Center is also housed within the High School. Wahoo Public Schools offers a diverse curriculum. Distance Learning, Dual Credit, OdysseyWare and SENCAP (Career Academy) courses are offered to enhance the educational experience of all students.