



**2022-2023**

**Fillmore Central Public Schools**

# **Annual Report**



## INTRODUCTION

This report contains information concerning general facts, enrollments, student progress, test scores, learning climate, and financial statistics. It is meant to communicate the status of the Fillmore Central Public Schools to the residents of the District. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's office at 402-759-4955.

Fillmore Central Schools has three campus sites, a K-4 elementary located at 17th and H streets in Geneva, a 5-8 middle school campus in Fairmont located at 950 F Street, and a 9-12 High School located at 14th and L streets in Geneva. The entire district is located in Fillmore County, and covers an area of approximately 245 square miles. The Fillmore Central School District began in the 2000-2001 school year, and formed with the merger of the Geneva and Fairmont school districts. Later, parts of the Grafton, Ohioa, and Strang school districts also joined Fillmore Central.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Fillmore Central Public Schools mission is to provide all students the opportunity and support to achieve excellence, develop responsibility, and become life-long learners.



## SCHOOL STAFF

The Fillmore Central Public Schools teaching staff has the responsibility of teaching, supervising, and evaluating students. Classroom teachers numbered 47.0 FTE during the 2022-2023 school year. Thirty-five members of our teaching staff have Masters degrees. Support Staff is comprised of secretaries, para-professionals, maintenance personnel, bus drivers, and food service personnel. Support staff totaled 39 positions.

## GOVERNANCE

The Fillmore Central Board of Education members for the 2022-2023 school year were:

Shaun Farmer, President  
Chad Engle, Vice President  
Christin Lovegrove, Secretary  
Whitney Peppard, Member  
Scott Schelkopf, Member  
Adam Wallin, Member

All meetings are open to the public. Notice is given in the Nebraska Signal, and minutes of each meeting are published in the Signal, available at the Superintendent's office, or available on our website at [www.fillmorecentral.org](http://www.fillmorecentral.org)



## TRANSPORTATION

Fillmore Central Schools provides before school and after school transportation to all our rural students. We also provide a morning and afternoon shuttle to the middle school in Fairmont. Tyke (ages 3-4) transportation is also provided for students with verified disabilities to the pre-school.

## CURRICULUM

Fillmore Central Schools is a class III school district, fully accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education. Fillmore Central makes every effort to comply with the rules and regulations of Rule 10, which guides our class offerings and credits of instruction. Fillmore Central spent the 2022-23 school year reviewing the Math textbooks.



## SPECIAL SERVICES

Diagnosis, Evaluation, and Services for Special Education, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Licensed Mental Health Practitioner, and School Nurse are provided either through Fillmore Central Schools, ESU 6, Fillmore County Hospital, or by private contract

The SUCCESS program, operated through ESU 6 is housed at the three Fillmore Central buildings. This program provides services for students with Special Needs that cannot be met in the typical classroom environment. During the 2022-2023 school year, SUCCESS had a staff of 3 teachers and 11 para-professionals working in the Fillmore Central Buildings serving 19 students.

The TYKE Preschool Program, for students below age 5, is also housed within the Fillmore Central Elementary School. The TYKE program employed 2 teachers and 3 para-professionals, and served 64 students. We also served 13 home-based or at Fillmore County Head Start.

## STEERING COMMITTEE

Fillmore Central has a Steering Committee composed of the Superintendent, three building principals, Steering sub-committee chairs, and 2 at-large staff representatives each from the Elementary, Middle School, and High School. This 15 person committee meets 2-3 times a year and is active in working on District needs.



## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Fillmore Central Public Schools has a school improvement committee made up of 15-20 members including board members, administrators, teachers, parents, and patrons. The committee works to gather and analyze student performance data and then formulates goals and plans designed to improve upon identified areas for improvement.

During the 2018-2019 school year, Fillmore Central had an external team visitation on March 19th and 20th. Members of the external visitation team included Dr. Mitch Kubicek of Milford Public Schools, Mr. Ken Booth of Centennial Public Schools, and Mr. Matt Uher of Tri-County Public Schools.

The External Visitation to Fillmore Central Public Schools was to assist the school in selecting and fulfilling school improvement goals and plans by adding an outside, objective view of the school improvement processes, enlist the professional advice of colleagues from outside of the school, and increase the depth of understanding for moving forward to achieve school improvement initiatives.

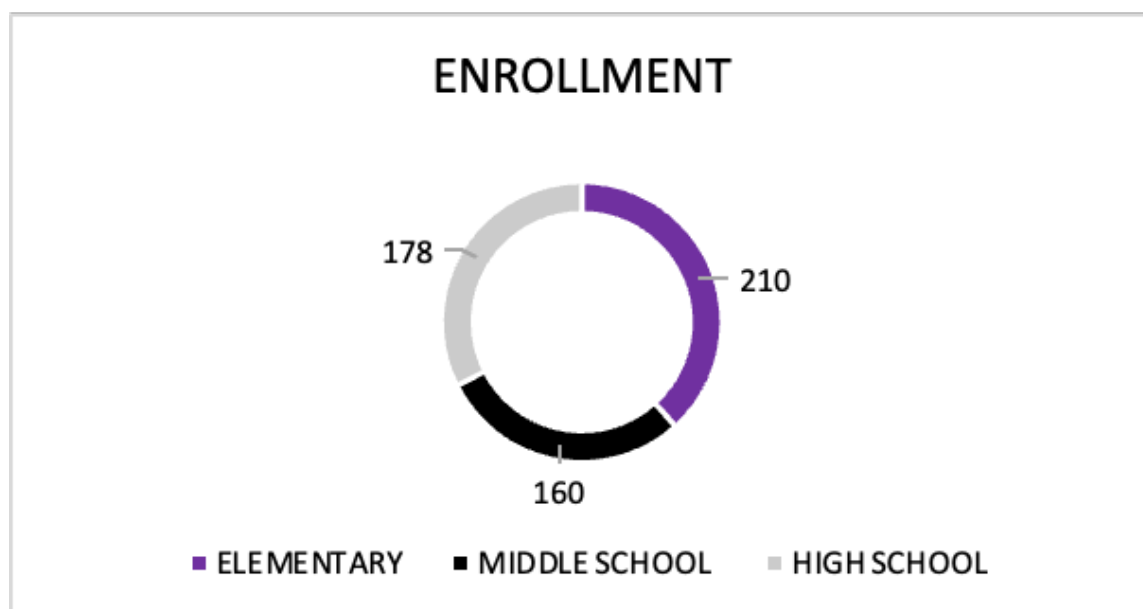
The External Visit also fulfills the Rule 10 requirements that all accredited schools must host an external visit once during a five-year cycle.

Fillmore Central's current school improvement goals are:

- Students in grades K-1 will improve their comprehension when listening to a text.
- Students in grades 2-12 will increase reading comprehension of informational text.

## ENROLLMENT

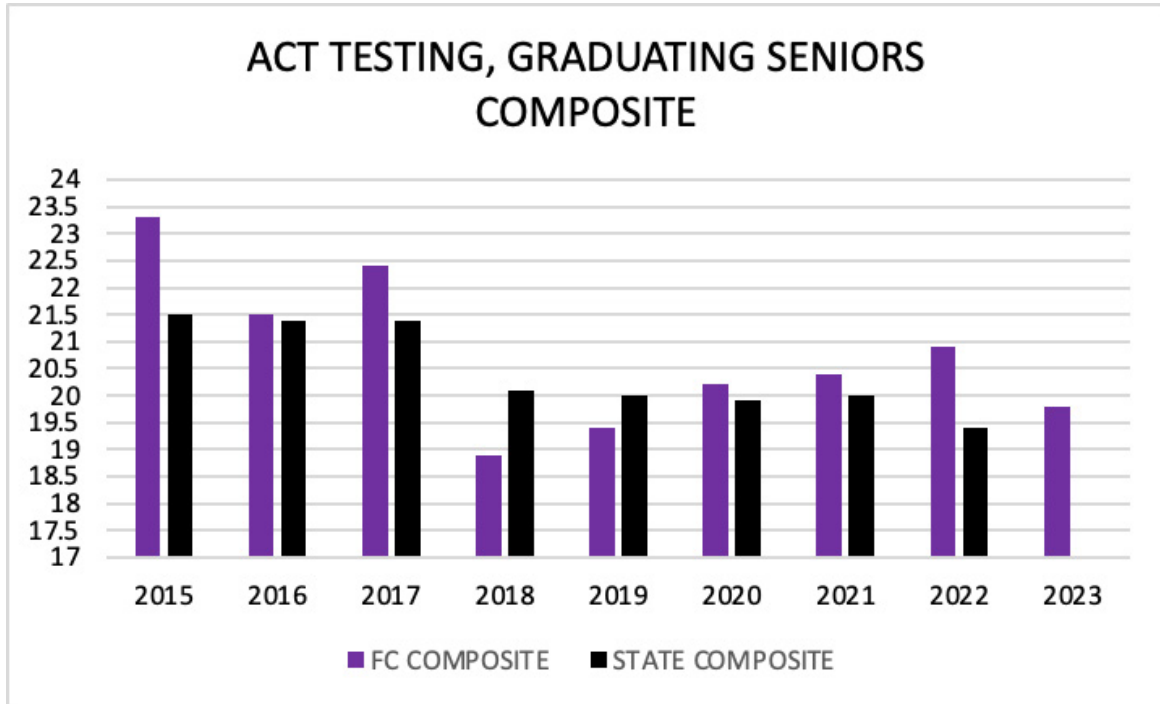
Enrollment (official count is the last Friday in September) at Fillmore Central for 2022-2023 by building was: K-4 (210), 5-8 (160), and 9-12 (178) for a total enrollment of 548. The largest classes were the 11th grade (53) and 3rd grade (52). The smallest class was the 6th Grade (31). Fillmore Central contracted 36 different students with the Heartland Boys Home at various times during the year. There are also 22 students that are home-schooled within our district. Our average daily membership (includes Pre-K) was 598.27 ADM; average daily attendance was 567.30 ADA; Student attendance rate was 94.8%.





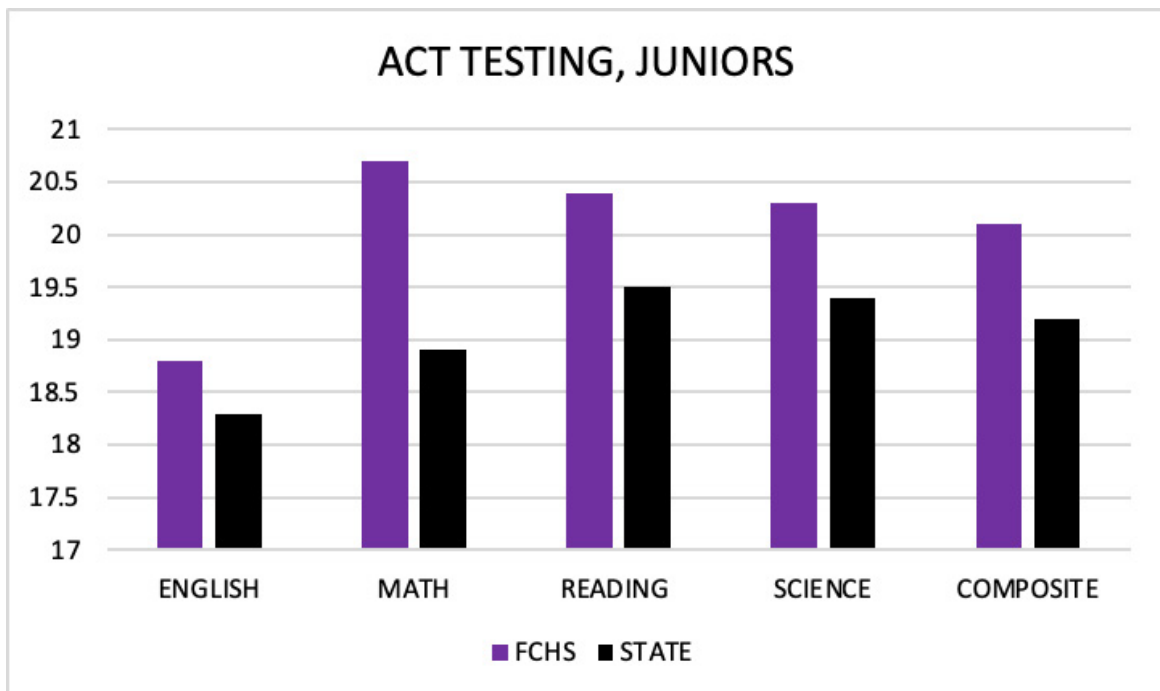
## ACT TESTING, GRADUATING SENIORS

The ACT consists of curriculum-based tests of educational development in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science designed to measure the skills needed for success in first year college coursework. The following shows our scores over the past seven years. In 2018 the Nebraska Department of Education made the ACT the state test for Juniors. Beginning in 2018 all juniors were required to take this test in the spring.



## ACT TESTING, JUNIORS

All Juniors are now required to take the ACT Test each Spring. These are our spring 2023 results for our Juniors compared to the State Average on the ACT Test for Nebraska Juniors.



# 2022-2023 High School Highlights



## State Land Judging

Four students from Fillmore Central seized an incredible opportunity to participate in the State Land Judging Competition held in Scottsbluff, NE, after qualifying at Districts. Brecken - 22nd - Red Ribbon, Bryson - 80th - Pink Ribbon, Carson - 92nd, and Lilly- 96th. Pictured L to R Carson Asche, Lily Srajhans, Brecken Hoban, and Bryson Hafer.



## State Mock Trial

The Mock Trial team competed at State and placed 10th overall. This is the fourth time in five years that FC has qualified for state.

Pictured L to R First Row: Ty Schelkopf, Lauren Godown, Alex Schademann, Grace Probaso. Second Row: Ryan Schram, Cooper Schelkopf, Reilly Vrbka, Emily Bonilla, Travis Meyer, and Coach Smith.

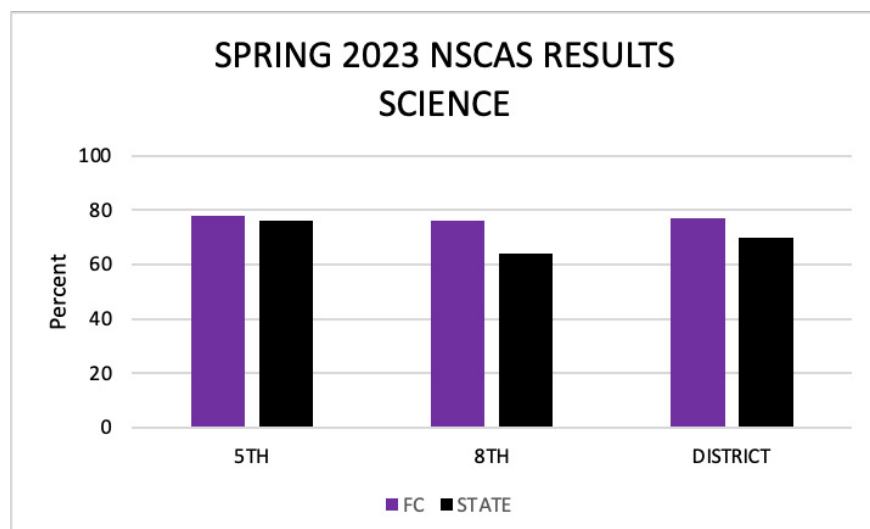
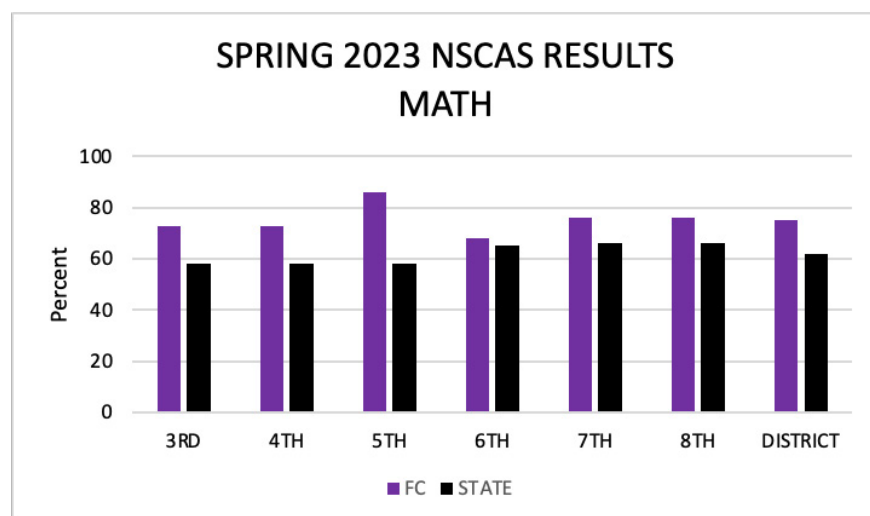
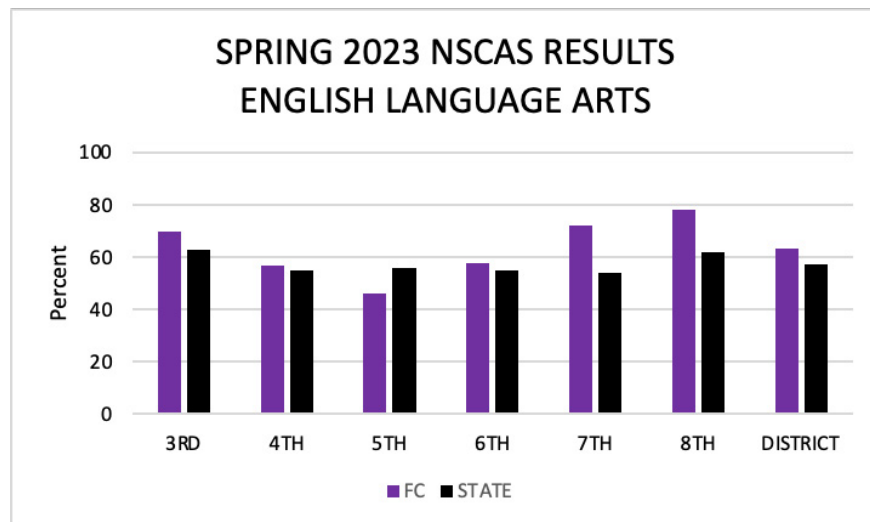


## FC Striv at State Softball

Ty Schelkopf and Bret Dunker got the opportunity to broadcast for Striv at the state softball tournament. What a great experience for these young men!

## NEBRASKA STATEWIDE NSCAS TEST RESULTS

The State of Nebraska has a test for grades 3-8 in both English/Language Arts and Math. These tests are based on the Nebraska State Standards, and determine whether our students are proficient in those standards. The graphs reflect the percent of students Scoring on Track or at the College and Career Ready (Advanced) Levels.



THERE ARE NO NSCAS SCORES FOR GRADES 3RD, 4TH, 6TH OR 7TH SCIENCE





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# Middle School Highlights



## Wellness Day

Wellness Day is a great way for Middle School students to learn and reflect on the way they treat their minds and bodies, how to take care of themselves at this stage of their lives, useful health, safety knowledge and fun activities! FC is thankful for the partnership with the community members and presenters that made Wellness Day possible.

## Science Labs

Mrs. Eberhardt's 5th graders participating in a lab. The objective of this lab was to have students use tools to help them describe and document different properties of matter. Here they are using observational data and measuring length, mass and testing to see if the objects are made of metal by using magnets.

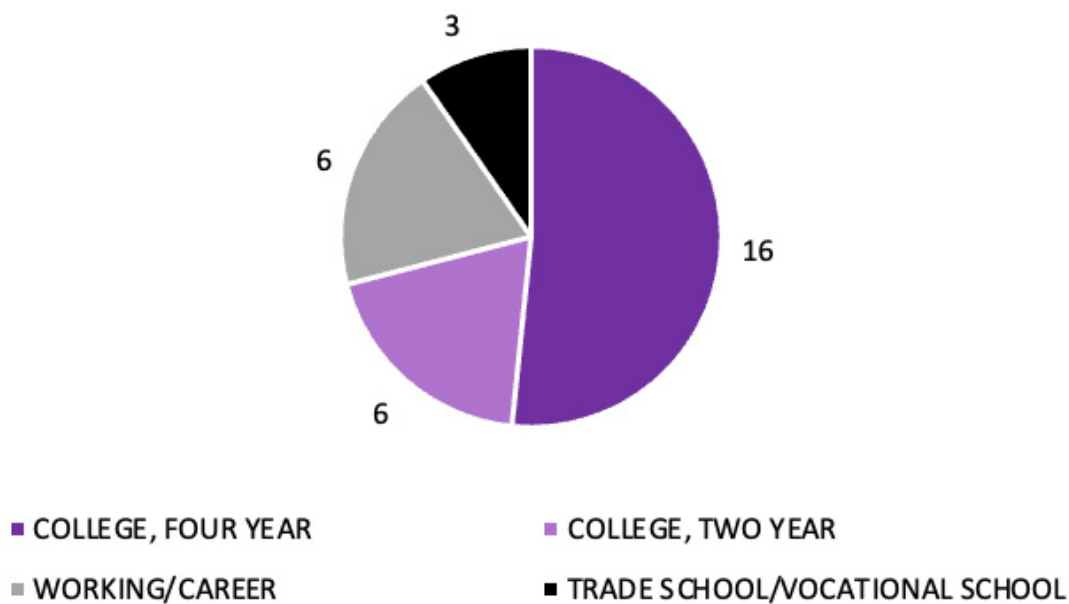


## Essay Finalist – Destany T

Mrs. Gaston's fifth grade students participated in an essay contest across the state of Nebraska titled, "What my Mother Means to me." There were about 300 essays and our very own Destany T. made it as a top 10 finalist and got recognized at the capitol building in Lincoln!

## MISCELLANEOUS DATA

### POST SECONDARY PLANS CLASS OF 2023

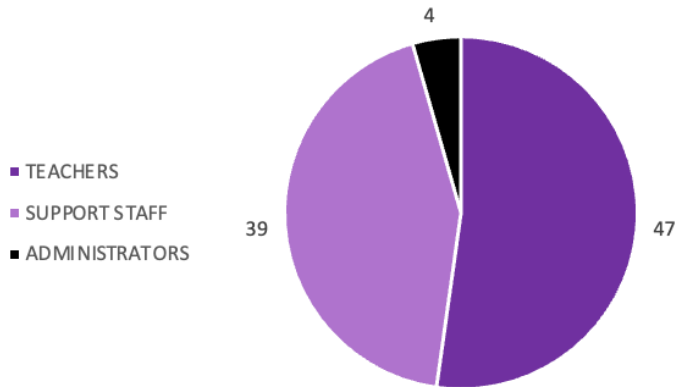


### STUDENT ENROLLMENT HISTORY 2000-2023





## 2022-2023 STAFF



State Speech  
The "Tuck Everlasting" OID got 3rd place at State Speech in Kearney



Governor's Excellence Award  
Fillmore Central was one of the many Chapters in Nebraska to receive the Governor's Excellence Award.

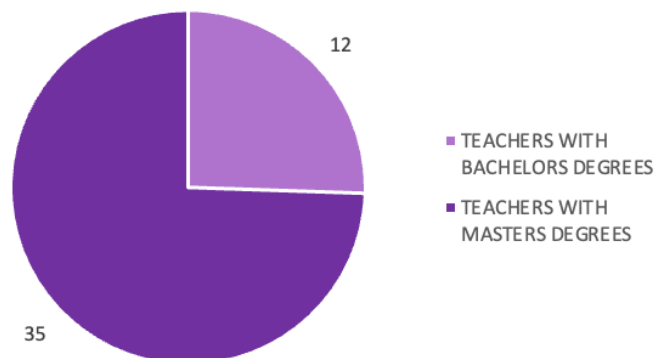


SNC Boys Basketball Champions  
Fillmore Central won against David City in overtime. The final score was 46-45. This is Fillmore Central's first SNC championship in nearly 20 years.



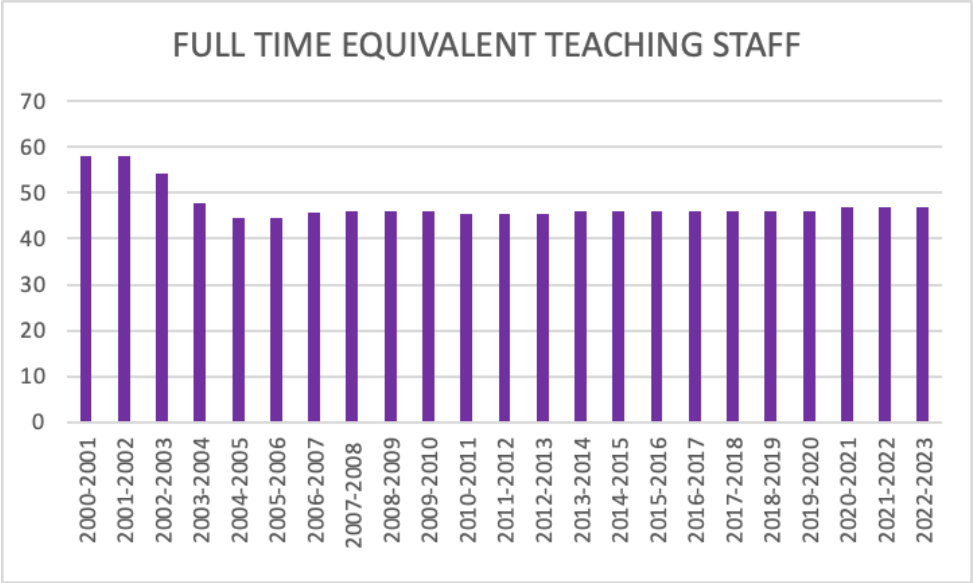
First Two- Time State Champion!  
Alex Shademann won the 138 weight class State Wrestling Championship. He finished his final season with 200 career wins and Fillmore Central's first two-time State Champion

## 2022-2023 TEACHING STAFF





Congratulations to Coach Ryan Komenda for receiving the NSWCA Class C Vern Ekfeldt Coach of the Year Award for 2022 at Fillmore Central High School. The award was presented by Norm Manstedt, CEO of the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association.

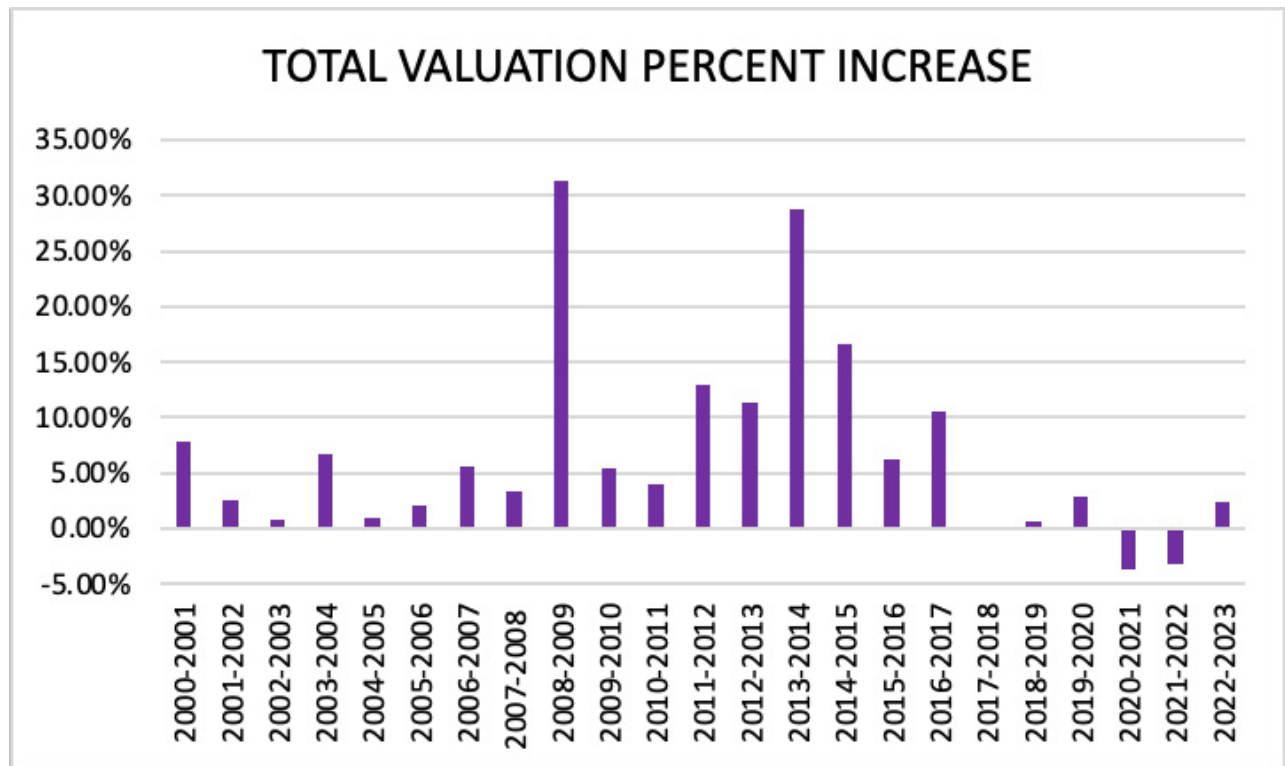
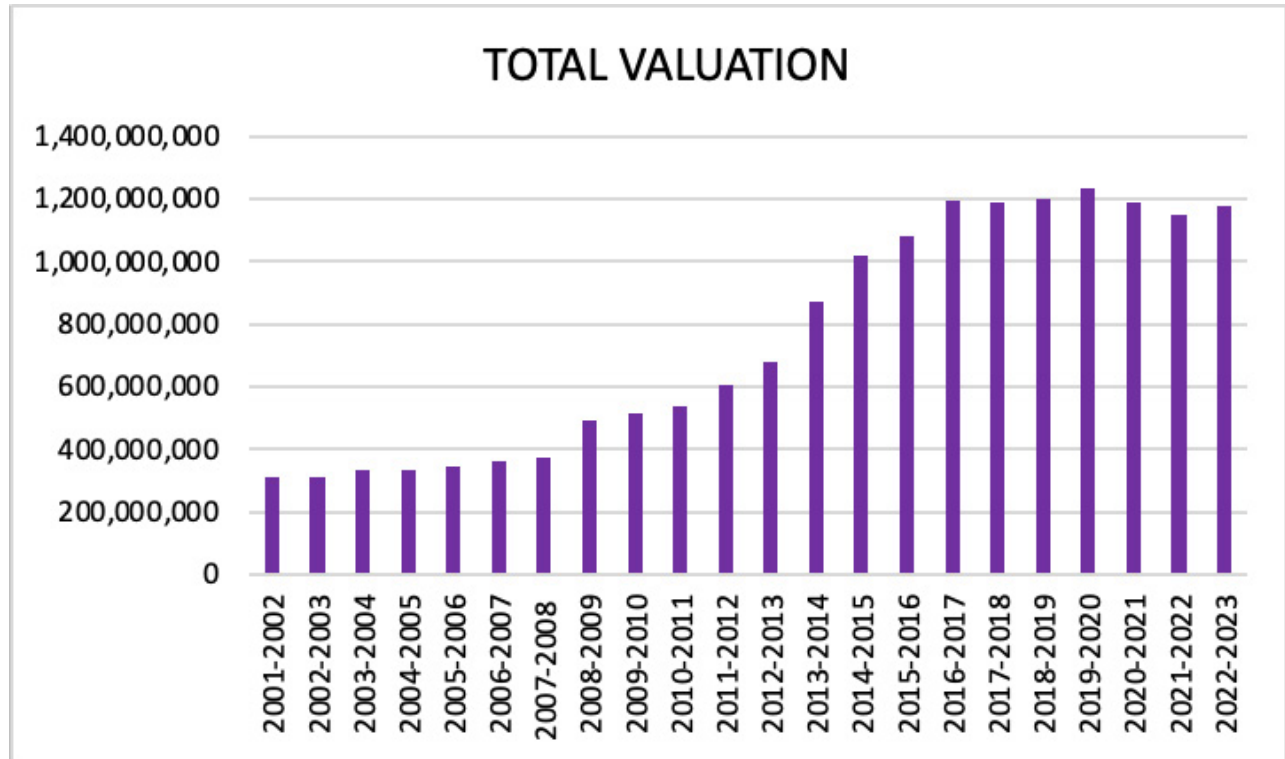


Kurt VanDeWalle, FFA Advisor of Fillmore Central received the prestigious Agricultural Educator Award from the National Society Descendants of American Farmers, honoring him for making an impact in the lives of his many agricultural students.

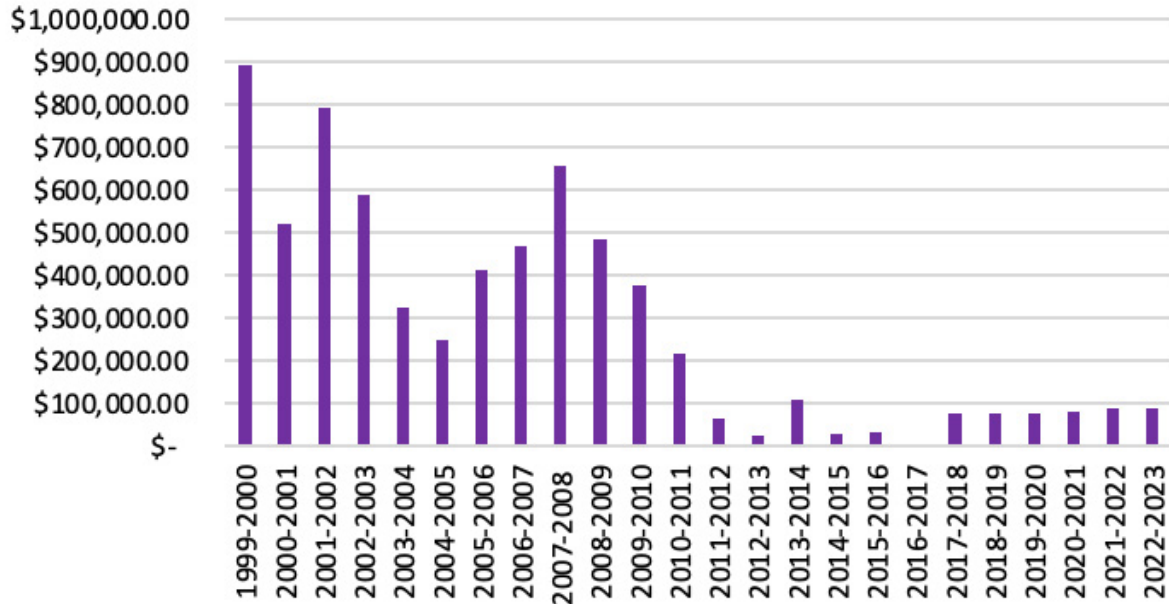
Bev Schuele, National Counselor and Nebraska Ambassador for the National Society Descendants of American Farmers presented Kurt his award on Thursday, September 8th at Fillmore Central. Bev Schuele stated that NSDOAF seeks to recognize agricultural advisors for their tireless efforts in promoting the importance of agriculture. Not only is he a great role model and mentor to his FFA students, but he serves his community in a variety of ways! Kurt says, "Even on days that are not as good as some, he can't think of a different career he'd rather pursue." Congradulations Mr. VanDeWalle!

## FINANCIAL DATA

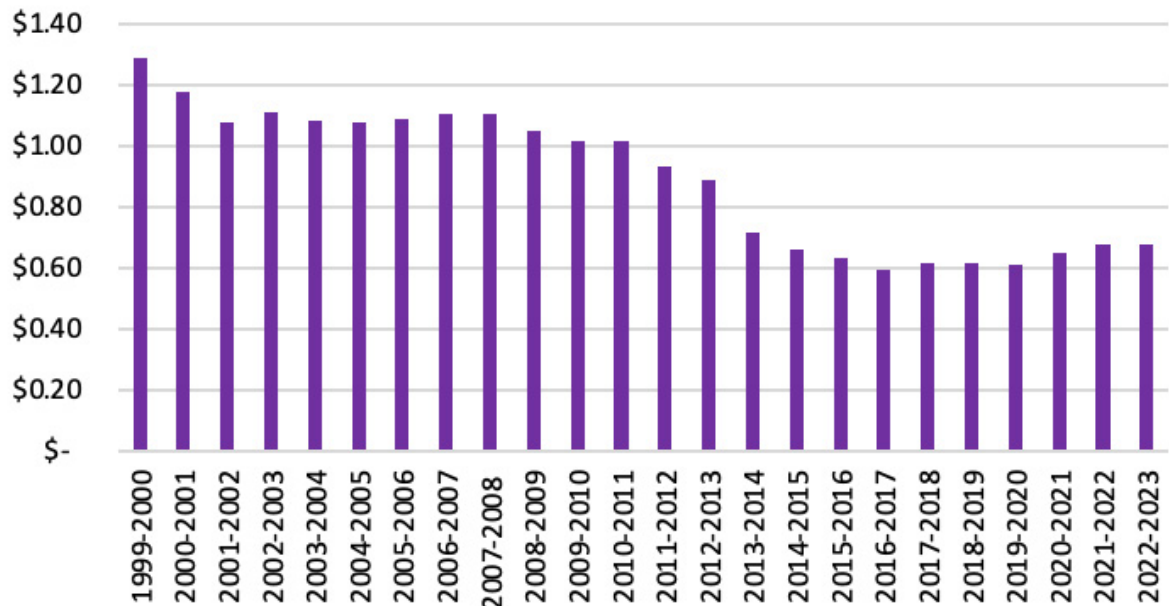
### Assessed Property Values



## STATE AID HISTORY



## LEVY HISTORY







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# Elementary Highlights



## Dairy Truck

Kari Hamilton from Southwest Dairy Farmers brought their Mobile Dairy Classroom to Fillmore Central Elementary. The students learned what is involved with taking care of dairy cattle, anatomy of dairy cows, the importance of dairy foods for good health, and watched a milking demonstration with modern equipment like an actual milking parlor.

## Sweet Learning with Bees

1st grade students learned all about honey through a presentation by the Fillmore County Extension Office **and Alexis Schmidt a 2018 Alumni**. They explored who makes the honey, how its made, and what honey tastes like. Finally, students learned how beekeepers keep safe, what the honey frames look like, and how honey gets processed. Students even watched honey extracted from Extension Office honey frames. They ended the day with a tasty treat by sampling the freshly processed honey.



## Fruitful Knowledge

First Graders enjoyed learning about apples. They investigated apples, learned about the apple tree life cycle, made an apple craft, enjoyed apple juice, and ate homemade applesauce.

**2022-2023  
General Fund Expenditures**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Regular Instruction</b>	<b>\$4,059,561</b>	<b>38.9%</b>
<b>Special Education</b>	<b>\$2,803,695</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Support Services</b>	<b>\$750,607</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>\$146,669</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$814,263</b>	<b>7.7%</b>
<b>Business Services</b>	<b>\$136,962</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Plant Maintenance</b>	<b>\$794,678</b>	<b>7.6%</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>\$197,148</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
<b>State/Community Programs</b>	<b>\$24,906</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Federal Programs</b>	<b>\$651,673</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,470,162</b>	<b>100%</b>

**2022-2023**  
**General Fund Revenue**

**Local Receipts**

Property Taxes	\$6,629,245
Carline Tax	\$1,803
Public Power Dist Sales Tax	\$193,894
Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$388,807
Other	\$154,740
	<b>\$6,958,206</b>
	<b>\$7,368,489</b>

**County and ESU Receipts**

County Fines and Licenses	\$40,655
ESU Receipts	\$5,846
	<b>\$32,825</b>
	<b>\$46,501</b>

**State Receipts**

State Aid	\$90,653
Special Education	\$701,319
SPED Transportation	\$12,377
Homestead Exemption	\$64,398
Property Tax Credit	\$702,051
Wards of the Court	\$702,743
Other	\$140,388
	<b>\$2,413,929</b>

**Federal Receipts**

Title I, Title II, Title IV	\$231,737
IDEA	\$139,554
Medicaid	\$55,100
REAP	\$40,675
Other	\$92,652
	<b>\$559,718</b>

**Non-Revenue Receipts**

Other	\$0
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**TOTAL REVENUE**

**\$10,388,637**