

Committee of the Whole
Thursday, May 30, 2024 5:30 PM
McKinley Education Center
301 West F Street
North Platte, NE 69103-1557

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Posting of the Open Meetings Act**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Approval of Publication**
5. **Approval of Agenda**
6. **Pledge of Allegiance**
7. **Board Engagement**
8. **Agenda**
 - 8.1. Staffing Update
 - 8.2. Early Childhood Report
 - 8.3. Technology Report
 - 8.4. 2025 Graduation Discussion
 - 8.5. Finance and Budget Update
 - 8.6. Legislative Report
 - 8.7. Strategy 3 Report
9. **Adjournment**



NPPS Preschool Program

Bullpup Preschool Staff

- Public Preschool Classroom Teachers:
 - **2023-24: 8**
 - **2024-25: 7**
- Paraprofessionals: **20**
- Music Teacher: **1**
- Early Childhood Special Education Teachers: **2**
- Occupational Therapists: **2**
- Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant: **1**
- Physical Therapist: **1**
- Speech Language Pathologists: **2**
- School Secretary: **1**
- Sodexo Lunch Staff: **1**



Enrollment Trends (4 Year Old)

2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
124	133	144	143	133	114

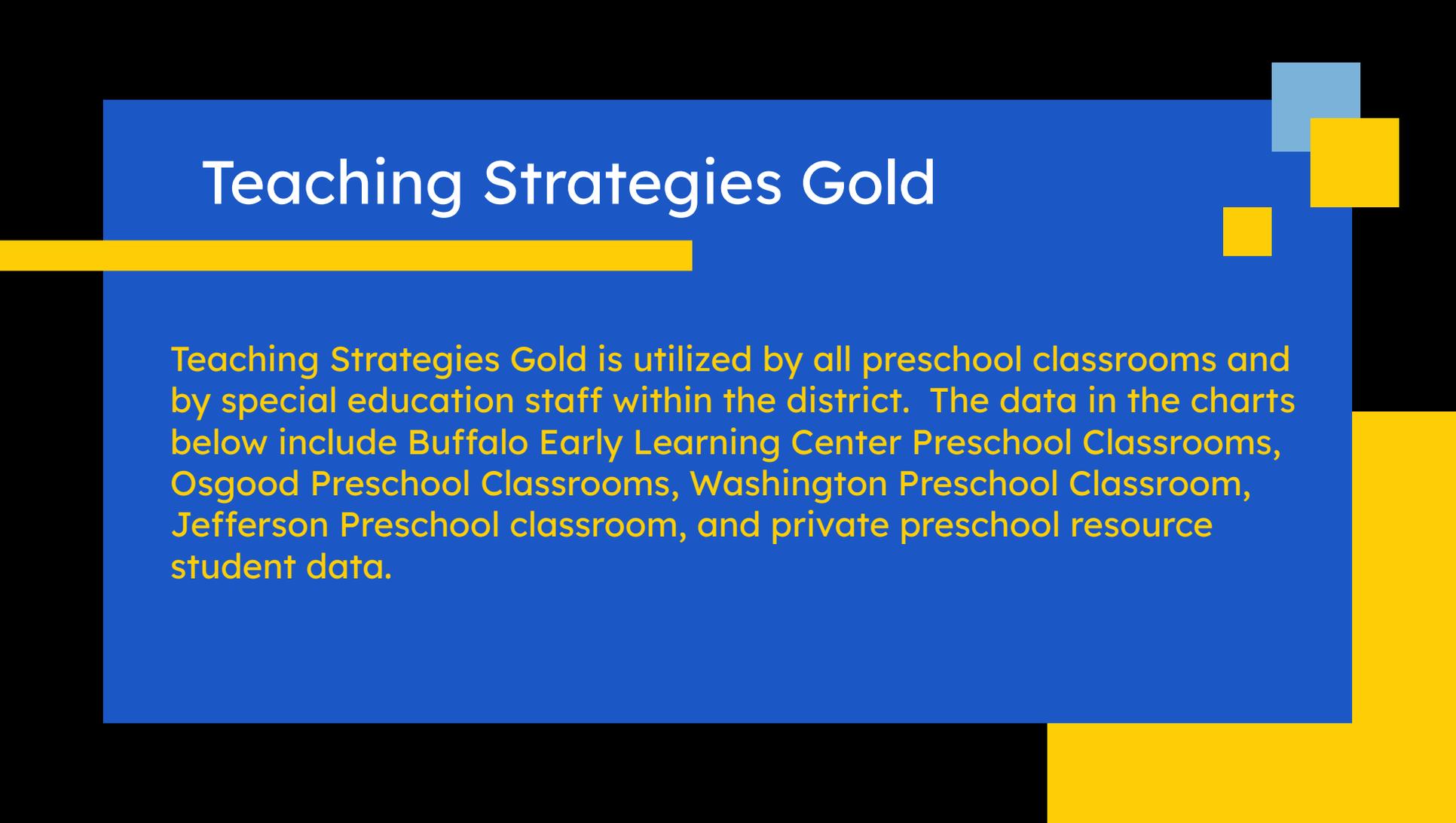
Addition of 3 Year Old Pilot Program

2024-25

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Teaching Strategies Gold



Teaching Strategies Gold is utilized by all preschool classrooms and by special education staff within the district. The data in the charts below include Buffalo Early Learning Center Preschool Classrooms, Osgood Preschool Classrooms, Washington Preschool Classroom, Jefferson Preschool classroom, and private preschool resource student data.

Teaching Strategies Gold Data

	Fall Below	Winter Below		Fall Meeting	Winter Meeting		Fall Exceeding	Winter Exceeding
Social Emotional	107 / 54.44%	31 / 21.99%		85 / 44.04%	90 / 63.83%		1 / 0.52%	20 / 14.18%
Physical	59 / 30.57%	17 / 12.06%		132 / 68.39%	109 / 77.3%		2 / 1.04%	15 / 10.64%
Language	96 / 49.74%	35 / 24.82%		97 / 50.26%	99 / 70.21%		0 / 0%	7 / 4.96%
Cognitive	104 / 53.89%	30 / 21.28%		88 / 45.6%	104 / 73.76%		1 / 0.52%	7 / 4.96%
Literacy	111 / 57.51%	28 / 19.86%		80 / 41.45%	107 / 75.89%		2 / 1.04%	6 / 4.26%
Mathematics	124 / 64.25%	31 / 21.99%		69 / 35.76%	94 / 66.67%		0 / 0%	16 / 11.35%

Specials

- Music with Mrs.Kammerer
- Library through North Platte Public Library



Community Helpers in the Classroom



Outdoor Classroom

Children can learn and develop so much when exploring outdoors. An outdoor classroom is where students can rotate from center to center outside and learn in different ways.



Field Trips



Preschool Graduation





Technology Update

Presented by: Brian Tegtmeier

Who are we ?





What we do?

- **Support our teachers and students with technology in the classroom.**
- **Assist Teaching & Learning with implementation of Online Curriculum.**
- **Evaluate, purchase and deployment of new technology.**
- **Operation and security of IT data systems, networks, devices and accounts.**
- **Data Reporting for MTSS Process & State reporting.**

1:1 Student Computers

Google Chromebooks 1:1 for K-12 ,

- Kindergarten (K-4) 5-year cycle
- Grade 5 (5-8) 4-year cycle
- Grade 9 (9-12) 4 year cycle

Purchase ~900 Chromebooks every spring, based on projected enrollment & spare units needed on hand. This year we purchased only for Grades 5 & 9, We are re-deploying 4th grader units down to KG, extending this lifecycle to save money. These units stay at school in carts so they have less wear and tear.



Certified Staff Computers

- 5 year teacher device replacement cycle, last purchased spring 2023
- After yearlong pilot of Macbook with teachers across all levels, the district made decision to move to Mac from HP.
- We allocate \$52,000 out of technology placed into depreciation each year
- Scheduled to be replaced Spring 2028



Computer Labs

- Adams
 - Rm 704 Z-Space (12 units) Fall 21 install
 - Rm 211 (24 Macs) Fall 23 install
 - Rm 300 (24 Macs) Fall 23 install
- Madison
 - Rm 24b (Macs) Fall 23 install
- NPHS
 - Rm 1720 - CAD (24 HP Laptops)
 - Rm 1201 - Journalism (13 Mac Mini & 2 Macbook Air) Fall 23 Install
 - Rm 1537,1538,1203 - 3 IT Labs (2 HP Desktops (Fall 21 Install) , 1 Macbook Lab Fall 23 install





Zspace Lab - Adams Middle School





User Devices Supported

- 300 Windows Desktop/Laptops
- 541 MacBooks & Mac Mini
- 460 iPads
- 313 Apple TVs
- Chromebooks/Chromeboxes
 - 60 Kiosks (Time Clocks, Raptor Kiosks, Digital Signage)
 - 3800 Student assigned chromebooks and spare units.
 - 20 Media Center Library Search Stations



Managing Assets



Windows devices

- Utilize FileWave device management to manage software deployment.
- Computer labs at High school, Raptor visitor computers,
- Summer Imaging



Chromebooks

- Google Admin Console
- Schedule Chrome OS updates to stay compatible with curriculum and assessment platforms
- Configure network settings, manage permissions to extensions, add-ons.

Macs

- Mosyle management system is deployed to control settings and apply updates to our macs.
- Removed requirement to perform annual summer imaging of staff machines.

Student Device Assignment & Incidents

Our Technicians use Learn21 TDT Asset - for tracking Chromebook Assignments, Loaners & Incidents.

- August 2023 - May 2024
 - 873 Student device incidents Battery, cracked screen, keyboard replacement, etc.
 - 527 Student Forgot device, loaner assigned.

Parents have option to purchase device insurance for \$10 per student/ per year to help offset repair/replacement costs.



Online Curriculum / Clever Dashboard



Students & Staff have access to district curriculum and resources through the Clever dashboard and Google SSO.

- Eureka K-5, Amplify 6-8, McGraw-Hill 9-12 (Math)
- HMH-Ed your Friend in Learning, McGraw Hill (Science/Social studies)
- Pearson Aimsweb
- Amplify (Language Arts)
- Edgenuity MyPath , Courseware
- Quaver Music
- Sora Online books
- Typing Club/TypeTastic/TypeToLearn
- And more....

Instant Login Applications

Get the Clever Chrome Extension for one-click access to any program

 QuaverEd.com	 myON	 Google Apps Hub	 G-W Online Textbooks SSO
 Pearson Easy Bridge	 TypingClub	 ReadWorks	 Edgenuity Pathblazer
 Edgenuity Courseware	 Reading Fluency	 Ed: Your friend in learning	 Branching Minds

District Management Software

- Infinite Campus Student Information System
- LINQ ERP Financial and HR , Timeclock system.
- TalentED Applicant Tracking, Performance Tracking, Employee Records, I
- SmartFind SubCaller system
- Nebraska SRS (Student record System - Special Education)
- Follett Destiny Library Management System
- TravelTracker (Fleet management system)
- Microsoft Server, Windows OS, & Office licensing
- Mosyle Mac/iPad Management Software
- Micromain Maintenance Ticket System
- ContentKeeper Internet Filtering
- Google Workspace for Education
- and more...





Annual Software Costs

Curriculum Software \$369,954

District Management Software - \$409,908

Infinite Campus Support



- Fall 21-22
 - Implemented Online Registration Update
 - Transitioned from PCS to Infinite Lunch
 - IC Online pay through Parent portal for Lunch, course fees, etc.
- Winter 23-24 Migrated to Infinite Campus Cloud Choice from district hosted.
- Spring 24 - Piloted Attendance Request in the Parent Portal
- Rollout this summer
 - Activity Sign Ups for Kids Klub & Wednesday Afternoon Care

Data & Reporting

- Working with Teaching and Learning team, CSA & NCSAS Growth reports developed using Google Data Studio to help with MTSS
- Student Tiering Reports for ELA, MATH, Behavior and Attendance in IC
- CRDC (Civil Rights Data Collection)
- NDE State Reporting Needs
 - Student FTE Reporting Quarterly
 - Others
- KidsKlub Grant reporting
- Uploading Accommodations for State testing
- Pandemic PEBT
- Managing Rostering of online platforms



Training Staff

- KnowBe4 Phishing Training and Monthly Tests
- Annual Safeschools Training for safety & compliance
- New staff Infinite Campus training
- Apptegy Rooms Training
- Macbook Training
- Training resources on our [Staff Technology FAQ page](#).



CyberSecurity

Increasing threats to K12 schools.

- [K-12 Cybersecurity incidents](#)

What are we doing to protect against threats?

- Twice monthly dept. meetings to address security threats.
- Implemented 2FA Authentication for Google
- Layered Security (antivirus/firewalls)
- Back-up of Critical data and systems
- Training Staff on threats.
 - Knowbe4 training and monthly tests.
- Cyber Insurance
 - 2020-2021 \$ 5,318
 - 2021-2022 \$19,616
 - 2023-2024 \$22,102



Layered Security

Endpoint management

- NextGen AV Agent (Real-time alerts, Anti-Malware, ie. Ransomware)
- Windows LAPS, (manage & rotate system passwords)
- Removed local admin access from users

District Firewall

Content Filtering (CIPA & security)

- Block access to unmanaged (uncategorized) sites
- Allow access by approved categories

Gaggle Security Safety Management (added 21-22)

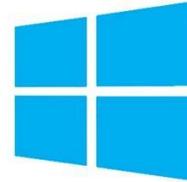
- 24x7 monitoring of student email and docs for safety concerns. (Suicide, violence)





Backup of Critical Data & Systems

- Microsoft Hyper-V Server & SAN infrastructure
- Primary (McKinley) and Secondary (NPHS DR failover site)
- Veeam backup system, backup local storage and to cloud.
- SysCloud Backups for Google Workspace. (Spring 22)



Microsoft
Hyper-v



a Hewlett Packard
Enterprise company

Infrastructure Support

- 42 Managed network switches
- 345 Wireless access points
- 600 IP Phones
- 45 Servers (15 physical, 30 virtual)
- 437 Security Cameras





Servers

- Infinite Campus
- LINQ ERP Financial / HR
- BadgePass (ID System)
- Destiny Library Management
- Intact (document archive)
- Asterisk (IP PHone system)
- PaperCut Print management
- Microsoft Active Directory
- Microsoft File Servers
- Utility DataBase
- Staff DataBase
- IT Helpdesk
- Keytracker
- TardyCart
- Microsoft SQL Database Servers
- Trane Ensemble
- Microsoft Print Servers
- Zabbix Network Monitor



Physical Security

- Vigil Building Security Cameras
- Halo Vape Sensors
- Brivo Access Control swipe system for entrances at buildings.
- Raptor Visitor Management
- Rave Panic Alerts
- BadgePass ID management system
- Armour Bus Video Management System



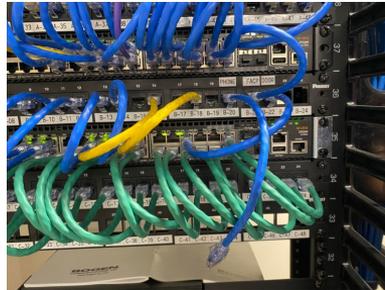


E-Rate Funding

We participate annually in E-Rate Cycle by creating RFPs and submitting funding requests for district cabling and equipment upgrade needs. Reimbursement rates for schools are based on our Free & Reduced student counts.

Qualifying equipment and services

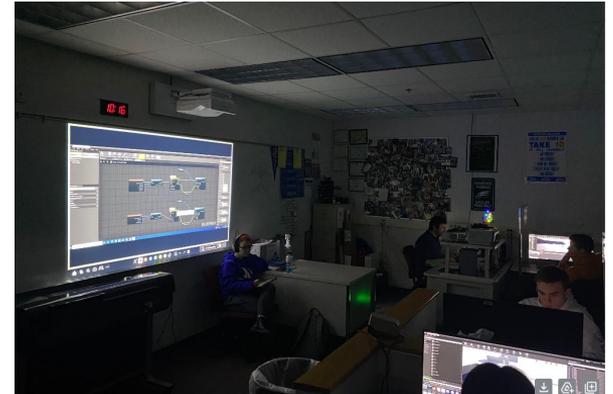
- Network Switches
- Wireless Access points
- Network cabling upgrades, racks etc
- Monthly fiber connectivity services
- ECF funding used for computers (covid)



Classroom Projection

Used ESSER funds to upgrade our classroom projectors with 250 Epson 725Wi Interactive projectors.

- 4,000 lumens of color/white brightness
- Apple TV added for wireless connectivity from Macs
- WXGA display; project up to 100" diagonal
- 20,000-hour laser light source; no lamps





Copy & Print



- Managed Printer Contract through Eakes Office
- We had bids this spring from 2 vendors and Eakes was lower cost overall.
- 60 month leases with \$1 buyout option.
- Eakes had aggressive savings from Sharp on equipment and print rates.
- 66 total machine in agreement (not including Mckinley & Maintenance)
- **\$3518.51 average monthly district savings**
- PaperCut management software for district-wide FollowMe Printing.
- Moving away from analog fax lines to eGoldfax cloud-hosted faxing



Audio Visual Support

District PD day Trainings

Sport & Activity Banquets

School Music Programs

Board meetings

Daktronics & Watchfire Scoreboards

Virtual Field trips for students (ie. e-Mission at Adams)

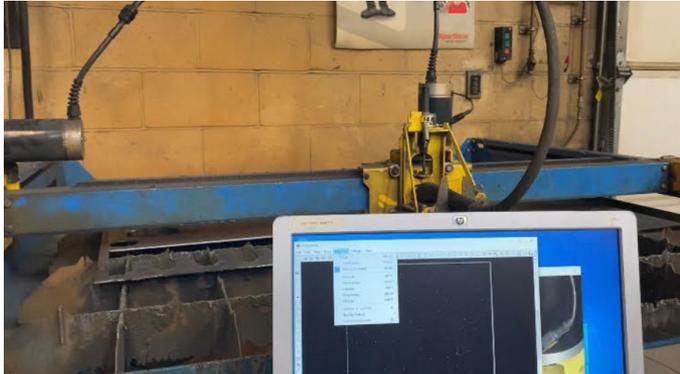
Planetarium events

Outside groups rentals



3d Printers, Laser Engravers & More

We support a variety of devices in Family Consumer Science, Industrial Tech, and Computer classes. Including 3D printers, laser engravers, CNC Plasma Cutters, Vinyl Cutters,



Track & Field FinishLynx Timing System

3 Home Track Meets per season.

Tech dept. staff setup & operate professional track timing system.





Questions?

Thanks for allowing me to share with you.



NORTH PLATTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

UTILITY AND INSURANCE COSTS

www.nppsd.org

Manage finances in order to sustain educational programs while maintaining and improving safety, accessibility, usability and value of our school facilities within budget limitations.

Strategy 3

Strategy 3: We will provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

Date: February 2, 2023

Specific Results 3.1: Balance revenues and expenses to maintain a strong financial position.

Action Steps:

1. Analyze past spending and revenue patterns over the past 5 years and align with the district goals.
2. Identify, develop and analyze **additional revenue sources** that would assist the district in meeting district goals. (grants)
3. Provide district leaders and principals with information on the current financial information and receive input that will help the district make sound financial decisions that impact the budget process and improve student achievement.
4. Manage the cash reserve for the district to provide three months of expenditures but not to exceed 25%.

Specific Results 3.2: Ensure a safe and secure environment for all students and staff.

Action Steps:

1. Analyze and continuously update the long-range facility plan so the district is utilizing the facilities at its maximum potential.
2. Prepare a school utilization study and a plan of action to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the schools' operations.
3. Continually evaluate and work with business partners on implementing early childhood offerings.
4. Annually review, update, and implement the district safety plan and all building level safety plans.
5. Maintain and Implement Long Range Facility Plan.
6. Plan, develop, and implement programs to promote staff and student wellness.
7. Meet as a district-level safety team and work with building administrators on individual building needs.

Specific Results 3.3: Provide internal and external communication systems.

Action Step:

1. Communicate and share district-approved platforms with administrators and staff.
2. Provide ongoing training and support for administrators and staff.
3. Share information on district-wide issues through internal and external media outlets.
4. Create a system to encourage two-way communication between North Platte Public Schools and patrons of the community.

North Platte Public Schools has the 2023-2024 budget broke down between Personnel and Non-Personnel expenses. Non-Personnel expenses consist of 17.5% or \$8,189,699 of the total budget. This budget is broken down between maintenance/custodial/transportation/which is 22% of the \$8,189,699. Building budget is 58% and utilities/insurance is 20%. We have discussed non personnel budget in general and how building budgets are allocated. I would like to spend a few minutes discussing our utilities and insurance. The district has very little control of this dollar.

NPPS has a large footprint. There are 14 buildings consisting of 7 elementaries, 2 middle schools, 1 high school, 2 preschools, maintenance and administration buildings. We enter in data from our utilities to monitor the energy usage around the district. This helps us address issues within a building and set a budget for the district. Electricity usually increases about 5% each year and we can see within the table that our electricity load continually increases.

20-21	646,395	9.7%
21-22	675,513	4.5%
22-23	691,198	2.3%

We have tried to control our energy within the buildings by installing LED lighting, new windows and HVAC systems.

Northwestern Energy sets the natural gas rates and this fluctuates with the market and environment. When we have a warm winter, we try to save our funds. The rates for the district are set every November and March. Rates rise in March and lower in November. I have attached the rates sheets from the past two cycles for comparison.

A chart is attached for cost per square foot in each of our buildings.

The district bid our insurances for liability, property, cyber, workers comp and others in 2018-2019. The district was with NASB ALICAP. Based on rates, we moved from a pooled insurance plan to HUB the agent in charge. EMC and RAS carry our various plans. We have seen a steady increase in rates due to new construction costs based on product availability and labor costs. Insurance rates are set by the market on rebuilding of facilities.

Our insurance costs consist of two major items Liability Insurance and Workers Comp. The Workers Comp rate is set by NCCI (National Council of Compensation Insurance) each year. This is based on national standards and our accidents in the district. Monthly we sit down and work with our insurance agent on outstanding claims that affect our experience modifier. If we can keep accidents down, we can control our experience mod. In 16-17 our exp mod was at 1.57, 18-19 it was 1.22. We have now lowered it to 1.17.

Attached is our table of the past 5 years on insurance rates. We will be planning an increase of 15% on our property policy due to rising costs around the nation.

North Platte Public Schools**2020-2021 Utilities**

<u>Building</u>	<u>Square Footage</u>	<u>Gas Total</u>	<u>Electricity Totals</u>	<u>Total Utility Costs</u>	<u>Cost per Square Foot</u>
Adams	150,000	21,989.78	114,937.42	136,927.20	0.91285
Buffalo	31,600	5,921.35	17,465.37	23,386.72	0.74009
Cody	46,660	5,720.71	21,369.19	27,089.90	0.58058
Eisenhower	30,200	4,878.07	22,649.42	27,527.49	0.91151
High School	270,000	10,735.17	230,068.14	240,803.31	0.89186
Jefferson	42,200	5,345.02	35,230.69	40,575.71	0.96151
Lake Maloney	19,338	550.00	19,027.41	19,577.41	1.01238
Lincoln	39,200	7,601.17	25,171.30	32,772.47	0.83603
Madison	66,080	2,618.64	79,248.87	81,867.51	1.23892
Maintenance	36,010	4,241.83	12,082.59	16,324.42	0.45333
McDonald	31,840	4,907.31	16,516.28	21,423.59	0.67285
McKinley	27,500	3,647.52	19,228.71	22,876.23	0.83186
Osgood	17,570	3,531.19	10,098.66	13,629.85	0.77575
SPED House	1,492	483.76	1,356.08	1,839.84	1.23314
Washington	32,000	5,496.95	21,945.14	27,442.09	0.85757
Total		87,668.47	646,395.27	734,063.74	

North Platte Public Schools

2021-2022 Utilities

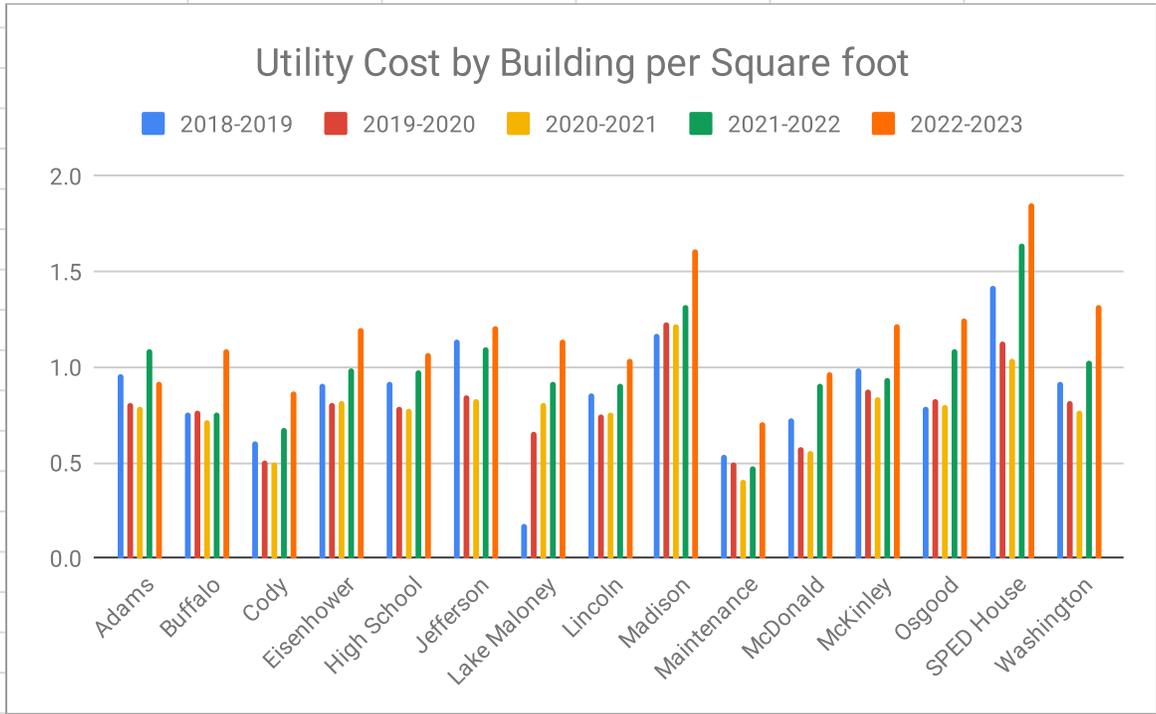
<u>Building</u>	<u>Square Footage</u>	<u>Gas Total</u>	<u>Electricity Totals</u>	<u>Total Utility Costs</u>	<u>Cost per Square Foot</u>
Adams	150,000	47,384.88	115,756.74	163,141.62	1.08761
Buffalo	31,600	7,768.04	16,205.89	23,973.93	0.75867
Cody	46,660	10,395.54	21,049.55	31,445.09	0.67392
Eisenhower	30,200	7,092.91	22,720.81	29,813.72	0.98721
High School	270,000	19,322.43	253,424.17	272,746.60	1.01017
Jefferson	42,200	11,513.49	35,222.07	46,735.56	1.10748
Lake Maloney	19,338	550.00	18,542.95	19,092.95	0.98733
Lincoln	39,200	11,897.23	23,618.50	35,515.73	0.90601
Madison	66,080	4,115.79	85,686.05	89,801.84	1.35899
Maintenance	36,010	8,234.59	9,342.71	17,577.30	0.48812
McDonald	31,840	11,391.81	18,418.75	29,810.56	0.93626
McKinley	27,500	6,348.00	19,597.76	25,945.76	0.94348
Osgood	17,570	9,297.98	10,599.03	19,897.01	1.13244
SPED House	1,492	839.25	1,661.96	2,501.21	1.67641
Washington	32,000	10,100.18	23,665.71	33,765.89	1.05518
Total		166,252.12	675,512.65	841,764.77	

North Platte Public Schools

2022-2023 Utilities

<u>Building</u>	<u>Square Footage</u>	<u>Gas Total</u>	<u>Electricity Totals</u>	<u>Total Utility Costs</u>	<u>Cost per Square Foot</u>
Adams	150,000	32,907.90	105,797.41	138,705.31	0.92470
Buffalo	31,600	15,264.68	19,304.81	34,569.49	1.09397
Cody	46,660	17,248.50	23,575.57	40,824.07	0.87493
Eisenhower	30,200	10,985.56	25,420.34	36,405.90	1.20549
High School	270,000	33,022.40	257,861.90	290,884.30	1.07735
Jefferson	45,678	21,402.85	33,902.81	55,305.66	1.21077
Lake Maloney	17,898	1,538.07	18,851.02	20,389.09	1.13918
Lincoln	39,200	16,210.50	24,787.27	40,997.77	1.04586
Madison	62,400	7,137.68	93,875.18	101,012.86	1.61880
Maintenance	36,010	14,685.44	10,836.21	25,521.65	0.70874
McDonald	30,400	14,527.32	15,068.78	29,596.10	0.97356
McKinley	27,500	11,320.26	22,409.44	33,729.70	1.22653
Osgood	17,570	11,384.41	10,731.99	22,116.40	1.25876
SPED House	1,492	1,336.82	1,429.94	2,766.76	1.85440
Washington	33,380	16,704.85	27,345.54	44,050.39	1.31966
Total		225,677.24	691,198.21	916,875.45	

	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
Adams	0.9644	0.8137	0.7968	1.0931	0.92470
Buffalo	0.7613	0.7753	0.7197	0.7583	1.09397
Cody	0.6103	0.5118	0.5037	0.6798	0.87493
Eisenhower	0.9120	0.8100	0.8251	0.9881	1.20549
High School	0.9210	0.7900	0.7836	0.9869	1.07735
Jefferson	1.1391	0.8508	0.8368	1.1060	1.21077
Lake Maloney	0.1785	0.6609	0.8077	0.9261	1.13918
Lincoln	0.8638	0.7483	0.7631	0.9107	1.04586
Madison	1.1717	1.2329	1.2255	1.3219	1.61880
Maintenance	0.5397	0.5049	0.4110	0.4850	0.70874
McDonald	0.7318	0.5843	0.5608	0.9132	0.97356
McKinley	0.9926	0.8828	0.8465	0.9432	1.22653
Osgood	0.7912	0.8283	0.8043	1.0966	1.25876
SPED House	1.4209	1.1332	1.0394	1.6468	1.85440
Washington	0.9230	0.8179	0.7683	1.0352	1.31966



NORTHWESTERN ENERGY
GAS RATES TARIFF SUMMARY
11/1/2023 - 03/31/2024

Rate Effective Date	RATE NO.	CUSTOMER CHARGE	BLOCK SIZE	BASE COST PER THERM	Economic Devl Charge	PGC	Total Cost Per Therm w/o customer chg
11/1/2023	91	\$8.00	FIRST 30 OVER 30	\$0.25283 \$0.09513	\$0.00254 \$0.00254	0.64024 0.64024	\$0.89561 \$0.73791
11/1/2023	92	\$9.00	FIRST 400 NEXT 1,600 OVER 2,000	\$0.13332 \$0.06343 \$0.03743	\$0.00254 \$0.00254 \$0.00254	0.64024 0.64024 0.64024	\$0.7761 \$0.7062 \$0.6802
11/1/2023	95IRG	\$0.00	ALL Therms	\$0.10574	\$0.00254	0.48979	\$0.5981
11/1/2023	94E	\$80.00	ALL Therms	\$0.05911	\$0.00254	0.47979	\$0.5414
11/1/2023	PGD51	Daily Demand I	500	1.052400			
11/1/2023			99999999	0.806500			
11/1/2023	95	\$70.00	ALL Therms	\$0.05911	\$0.00254	0.48979	\$0.5514
<u>ALDA only Rates</u>							
11/1/2023	91AL	\$8.00	FIRST 30 OVER 30	\$0.25283 \$0.09513		0.64024 0.64024	\$0.89307 \$0.73537
11/1/2023	92AL	\$9.00	FIRST 400 NEXT 1,600 OVER 2,000	\$0.13332 \$0.06343 \$0.03743		0.64024 0.64024 0.64024	\$0.7736 \$0.7037 \$0.6777
11/1/2023	95ALI	\$0.00	ALL Therms	\$0.10574		0.48979	\$0.5955
11/1/2023	94ALE	\$80.00	ALL Therms	\$0.05911		0.47979	\$0.5389
11/1/2023	95AL	\$70.00	ALL Therms	\$0.05911		0.48979	\$0.5489

Average residential price of gas per therm based on 150 therms = **\$0.82**

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULE
for
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION d/b/a NORTHWESTERN ENERGY

Section No. 3
40th Revised Sheet No. 7.1
Canceling 39th Revised Sheet No. 7.1

Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment

	<u>Per Therm</u> <u>Per Month</u>
Rate No. 91 – Residential Gas Service – Firm Gas Commodity Charge	\$0.98141
Rate No. 92 – General Gas Service – Firm Gas Commodity Charge	\$0.98141
Rate No. 93 – Irrigation – Interruptible Sales Service Gas Commodity Charge	\$0.78324
Rate No. 94 – Commercial and Industrial – Firm Sales Service Gas Demand Charge – Standard Service (all contract therms)	\$0.78850
Gas Commodity Charge	\$0.77324
Rate No. 95 – Commercial & Industrial – Interruptible Sales Service Gas Commodity Charge	\$0.78324
Rate No. 97 – Commercial and Industrial – Firm Sales Service Fuel Retention Percent Adjustment	0.00%

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NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE
GAS RATES TARIFF SUMMARY
04/1/2024 - 10/31/2024

<u>RATE NO.</u>	<u>CUSTOMER CHARGE</u>	<u>BLOCK SIZE</u>	<u>BASE COST PER THERM</u>	<u>Economic Devl Charge</u>	<u>PGC</u>	<u>Total Cost Per Therm w/o customer chg</u>
91	\$8.00	FIRST 30	\$0.25283	\$0.00254	0.34954	\$0.60491
		OVER 30	\$0.09513	\$0.00254	0.34954	\$0.44721
92	\$9.00	FIRST 400	\$0.13332	\$0.00254	0.34954	\$0.4854
		NEXT 1,600	\$0.06343	\$0.00254	0.34954	\$0.4155
		OVER 2,000	\$0.03743	\$0.00254	0.34954	\$0.3895
95IRG	\$0.00	ALL Therms	\$0.10574	\$0.00254	0.19957	\$0.3079
94E	\$80.00	ALL Therms	\$0.05911	\$0.00254	0.18957	\$0.2512
PGD51 Daily Demand I		500	1.054100			
		99999999	0.808200			
95	\$70.00	ALL Therms	\$0.05911	\$0.00254	0.19957	\$0.2612
<u>ALDA only Rates</u>						
91AL	\$8.00	FIRST 30	\$0.25283		0.34954	\$0.60237
		OVER 30	\$0.09513		0.34954	\$0.44467
92AL	\$9.00	FIRST 400	\$0.13332		0.34954	\$0.4829
		NEXT 1,600	\$0.06343		0.34954	\$0.4130
		OVER 2,000	\$0.03743		0.34954	\$0.3870
95ALI	\$0.00	ALL Therms	\$0.10574		0.19957	\$0.3053
94ALE	\$80.00	ALL Therms	\$0.05911		0.18957	\$0.2487
95AL	\$70.00	ALL Therms	\$0.05911		0.19957	\$0.2587

Average residential price of gas per therm based on 150 therms = **\$0.53**

North Platte Public Schools
Insurance Costs

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Property						
Blanket Building and Business Personal and EDP Property	177,983,157	191,942,966	204,160,290	261,918,947	283,293,690	8.2%
Deductible	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
Hail/Wind Premium	\$ 193,983	\$ 217,529	\$ 234,597	\$ 253,984	\$ 313,653	23.49%
General Liability	\$ 19,055	\$ 19,639	\$ 20,618	\$ 21,531	\$ 22,420	
Flood Insurance						
Adams, Buffalo, Madison, Maintenance	\$ 8,860	\$ 9,460	\$ 10,460	\$ 8,515	\$ 8,948	
Automobile	\$ 20,327	\$ 23,353	\$ 25,560	\$ 27,590	\$ 28,863	
Cyber Liability						
Deductible	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	
Premium	\$ 4,963	\$ 5,318	\$ 19,616	\$ 24,498	\$ 22,102	-9.8%
Inland Marine (EDP)	\$ 3,545	\$ 2,675	\$ 2,499	\$ 2,601	\$ 2,700	
Umbrella	\$ 13,265	\$ 13,624	\$ 14,441	\$ 15,482	\$ 16,699	
Linebacker Public Officials/Employment Practices (E and O) Covers Board Members	\$ 7,895	\$ 7,895	\$ 8,975	\$ 9,393	\$ 9,393	
Crime Coverage	\$ 4,709	\$ 4,655	\$ 3,528	\$ 3,528	\$ 4,395	
Workers Compensation						
Total Payroll	29,867,202	298,672,020	29,644,130	29,644,130	29,644,130	
Experience MOD	1.11	1.05	0.89	1.13	1.17	
Premium	\$ 198,832	\$ 199,867	\$ 168,525	\$ 190,019	\$ 214,964	
Total Insurance	475,434	504,015	508,819	557,141	644,137	
HUB Cost	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	
Total Premium	\$ 520,434	\$ 549,015	\$ 553,819	\$ 602,141	\$ 689,137	
		5.49%	0.88%	8.73%	14.45%	

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Repeat of Grade at Parent-Guardian Request

Parents and guardians may request that their student repeat a grade level under the following conditions:

Students in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade

Parents and guardians of students in kindergarten through fourth grade may request that their student repeat the grade level that the student has just completed under the following conditions:

- 1) If the student is at least one year below grade level and behind the child's typically developing peers in reading, English, and language arts such that the child does not possess the necessary academic skills required to succeed in reading, English, and language arts at grade level for the next grade to which the student would otherwise advance; or
- 2) If the student was absent fifty percent or more of the days in which school was in session for students during the school year which the student has just completed; or
- 3) If the student experienced a severe mental or physical illness resulting in hospitalization of two or more weeks during the school year.

Students in Fifth through Twelfth Grade

Parents and guardians of students in fifth through twelfth grade may request that their student repeat the grade level that the student has just completed if the student was absent fifty percent or more of the days in which school was in session for students during the school year which the student has just completed.

Procedure for Parent Requests for Student Grade Repetition

Parents and guardians who seek to have their student repeat the grade level just completed must submit a written request to the student's building principal no earlier than the day after the last scheduled student attendance day of the school year, and no later than two weeks after that date. This deadline may be waived by the superintendent for good cause shown. The request must include written documentation that provides evidence that the parents or guardians believe substantiate that the conditions outlined above have been met.

The principal shall promptly forward the request to the superintendent or his/her designee, along with any building-level information about the student which the principal believes will be relevant to the superintendent or designee in responding to the parents' or guardian's request.

The superintendent or designee shall review the request and promptly schedule a meeting with the parents or guardians. At this meeting, the superintendent or designee shall identify any alternative educational opportunities available to the student, including remedial instruction if applicable, and verify any special education supports available to the student. If the child's parent or guardian still intends to have such child repeat a grade, the parent or guardian shall complete a form prescribed by the Nebraska Department of Education and return the form to the office of the superintendent of schools.

Upon completion of the form and if all requirements pursuant to this policy are met, the school district shall have the child repeat the child's grade for the next school year.

Nothing in this policy modifies the school district's policies on mandatory attendance and reporting excessive absenteeism to the county attorney or other members of law enforcement. Likewise, nothing in this policy shall dictate or direct the provision of special education or related services, including but not limited to any IEP team decision about the appropriate educational placement of a child with a disability under Rule 51 of the Nebraska Department of Education.

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Prekindergarten (Preschool or Early Childhood) Program

The school board establishes a program to provide prekindergarten services, also referred to as an early childhood or preschool program. The school district will provide the program in compliance with state law and 92 NAC 11 (Nebraska Department of Education "Rule 11"). The availability of the program is subject to the district being able to employ and retain appropriate and qualified personnel.

Purpose. The purpose of the program is to promote the social, emotional, intellectual, language, physical, and aesthetic development and learning for the children served and to promote family development and support.

Age Participation. The program will be available to children of the following ages:

- Children who are 3 years of age before July 31 of the enrollment year and
- Children who are 4 years of age before July 31 of the enrollment year.

All enrollment is subject to capacity limitations and enrollment priorities established in this policy. Three-year-old children will only be offered half-day attendance.

Capacity Limitation. The maximum capacity for the program is 144 children. In the event where the total number of children registered for the program by July 15 rises above 144, the district will only offer the program to children with the following priority for enrollment:

- 4-year-olds;
- "At-risk" children (as defined by Rule 11);

If the program is at capacity after July 15, further enrollment applications will be denied.

Program Coordinator. The program will be coordinated by an individual qualified by law to be a Program Coordinator.

Program and Staff Requirements. All teachers and administrators in prekindergarten programs must hold a valid certificate or permit to teach issued by NDE except as otherwise allowed by law or Rule 11.

Participation and Inclusion. Participation of children and families in the program will be voluntary. The program will not exclude children verified as having disabilities and will include to the extent possible children of diverse social and economic characteristics.

Birth Certificates. Within 30 days of enrollment, parents or guardians must submit a certified copy of the child's birth certificate or other documentation in compliance with the Missing Children Identification Act (sections 43-2001 through 43-2012).

Instructional Hours. Each class in the program will operate a minimum of 12 instructional hours per week during the school year. Programs receiving grant funds pursuant to state law will operate a minimum of 450 instructional hours per school year.

Fees. The district may charge a fee for its program in accordance with the Policy 5045 - Student Fees, provided that the fee may not exceed the actual cost of the program. If the district charges a fee, it will also use a sliding fee scale in order to maximize the participation of economically and categorically diverse groups. The district may waive fees on the basis of need.

General Reports. The head administrator will include information about the program in the NDE approved data system. All early childhood data is due as specified by the data system calendar.

Early Childhood Program Report. An Early Childhood Program Report Form will be submitted annually by October 15 on the form required by NDE.

Planning. Each program will have a planning period that complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

Coordination with Existing Programs and Funding Sources. The district will develop, and keep on file, a written plan to show that the program will be coordinated or contracted with existing programs in compliance with Rule 11 requirements. The district will develop and keep on file a written plan to coordinate and use a combination of local, state, and federal funding sources including, but not limited to, those listed in Rule 11 in order to maximize the participation of economically and categorically diverse groups of children and to ensure that participating children and families have access to knowledge of comprehensive services that may be available.

Additional Rule 11 Requirements. Rule 11 includes additional requirements that are not included in this policy, including but not limited to requirements addressing family development and support; developmentally

and culturally appropriate curriculum, practices, and assessment; evaluation and quality assurance; program staff; child/staff ration and group size; facilities, equipment, health, and safety; meals and snacks, immunizations; supervision; toileting; infants and toddlers; Sixpence programs; and home-based programs. The district will comply with these additional requirements that are applicable to the program.

Special Education Act Compliance. Nothing in this policy allows the school district to fail to meet its responsibilities under the Special Education Act (section 79-1110 through 79-1167). To the extent there is any conflict between this policy or Rule 11 with the Special Education Act, the Act shall control.

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Malcolm X Day Education

Each year on May 19th, designated as El-Hajj Malik ElShabazz, Malcolm X Day, the school district will hold suitable exercises in recognition of the sacrifices of the late Nebraska Hall of Fame inductee El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, Malcolm X, and his contributions to the betterment of society. When May 19th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the district will provide the suitable exercises during the preceding or following week. The program shall be implemented within any applicable laws and/or regulations.

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6042 Projection Maps

The school district will only use the Gall-Peters projection map or a similar cylindrical equal-area projection map or the AuthaGraph projection map for display or use in the classroom. Use of the Mercator projection map is prohibited unless:

1. The Mercator projection map is used in conjunction with other projection maps in a teaching exercise to demonstrate that all maps are flawed in some way and different map projections serve different functions and may affect how individuals view the world; or
2. The Mercator projection map is part of any:
 - a. book or material obtained prior to July 19, 2024; or geographic information system; or computer program that renders a three-dimensional representation of Earth based primarily on satellite imagery, such as Google Earth or similar software; and
 - b. a Gall-Peters projection map or similar cylindrical equal-area projection map or an AuthaGraph projection map is displayed in the classroom or shown to students during the lesson in which a Mercator projection map is used.

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