

**2019-2020**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**BANNER COUNTY SCHOOL**

*“Preparing the students of today for the world of tomorrow!”*



This Annual Report provides key information about our school to students, families, and patrons of Banner County School. It is not only a report of facts and figures, it is an opportunity to share some of our successes and achievements over the past 12 months.

In 2019, we embarked on a Strategic Planning process that included identifying our Mission and Vision, core values, goals, and actions to develop and maintain the programs and facilities that support our most precious assets: our students. “2020 Vision & Beyond” is in its final stages of revision and will be made available to all patrons soon!

This year, our move to a 4-day school week with Optional Enrichment Fridays has been met with outstanding student approval! Over 100 different sessions in the areas of science, technology, engineering, fitness and recreation, agriculture, science, art, and music have provided opportunities for our students to explore career paths and extend their learning. Our OEF partners include: UNL 4-H Extension, Western Nebraska Community College, Wildcat Hills Recreation Area, National Solar Observatory, Northwest Community College, and community members.

Beginning this year, the Reading Improvement Act requires schools to implement specific supports for emerging and struggling readers. Our reading interventions have surpassed our expectations, with a 6% growth in less than one year of students meeting or exceeding their reading goals as identified by the winter MAP reading assessment.

Healthy eating promotes student learning! Our district is an approved Community Eligibility Program (CEP). Federal funds provide a healthy breakfast and lunch to every BCS student, every day.

Meeting the academic, social, emotional, and health needs of our students - educating “the whole child” - underpins our instruction, programming, and daily interactions. I look forward to continued collaboration with the teachers, support staff, board members, and patrons of BCS to best prepare our students for their tomorrows!

Yours in education,

  
Evelyn Browne, Ed.D.



BCS is fully accredited by AdvancED, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Accreditation, and the Nebraska Dept. of Education, meeting the standards for quality schools that demonstrate exemplary educational programs. For more information about accreditation, visit the AdvancED website at [www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org) or call the school.

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# STUDENTS

## EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS

BCS students participate! In MAC (Minuteman Activities Conference), NSAA, STUCO, National Honors Society, AND cross country, volleyball, football, basketball, track and field, wrestling, Speech, One Act, and vocal and instrumental music.

Students also compete in FFA, MathCounts, Quiz Bowl, Geography and Spelling Bees, and State Fair.

We look forward to more student participation in team sports and the return of Six-man football in 2020-2021!

**Go WILDCATS!**

## 19-20 PK-12 Enrollment

Resident Students	(66%)	82
Option Students	(34%)	42
Total	(100%)	124

PK	10
K	7
1	10
2	13
3	9
4	14
5	6
6	7
7	8
8	11
9	9
10	8
11	5
12	6

## Student Academic Growth

### AQuESTT Classification

2018-2019

**Elementary = GREAT!**

**Middle School = GOOD!**

**High School = GREAT!**

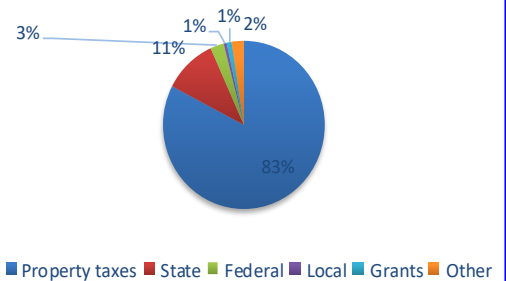
% Proficient	BCS	STATE
English Lang Arts	59%	52%
Math	48%	52%
Science	86%	66%

# SCHOOL FINANCE

	17-18	18-19	19-20
General Fund Operating Budget	\$4,591,606	\$4,630,971	\$4,461,534
Assessed Property Valuation	\$305,462,112	\$310,335,450	\$308,136,897
General Fund Property Tax	\$2,840,798	\$2,719,586	\$2,698,381
Building Fund Property Tax	\$30,546	\$121,212	\$80,808
Net Tax Levy	0.94	0.915	0.902

## School Funding Sources

2019-2020



# STAFF

Administrators—2    Office Support—2  
 Teachers—22    Guidance— 1  
 Library Aide—1    Network Administrator—1  
 School Nurse—1    Custodial/Maintenance—2  
 Bus Drivers —6    Paraprofessionals—4  
 Kitchen Staff—3    Tech Support—1  
 Teachers with Master's Degrees—43%  
 Teachers with 5+ years' experience—78%  
 Student-Teacher Ratio— 6:1

# TRANSPORTATION

BCS operates six bus routes of approximately 40 miles each, twice daily. We have 7 staff members with CDLs, 2 substitute bus drivers with CDLs, and 5 staff members certified to drive small vehicles for activities under the new Rules 91 & 92. We provide home to school transportation from every part of the county and have stops in Gering and Scottsbluff for Option students from these areas. Our drivers have driven 84,389 miles safely and without accident or incident so far this year!

Student attendance for Optional Enrichment Friday has been a phenomenal 66-86% over the last 14 OEFs! Students had access to over 100 different sessions!