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Hemingford
Public Schools

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The Hemingford Public Schools are governed by a six-member board of education. Each board member's term of office is four years, and members serve without compensation.

The board of education meets regularly on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Meetings are held in the high school library, and patrons and other visitors are welcome to attend. A continually current agenda is located in the superintendent's office for public view prior to meetings. Time is also reserved each meeting for "public comment", and allows patrons to ask questions of the board or to offer comments.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

Hemingford's K-12 District consists of 1,177 square miles. The system now instructs 370 students in grades PreK-12.

Forty-one certified staff members and twenty-six classified staff members help to meet or exceed requirements set forth by the Nebraska State Department of Education.

Educational Service Unit 13, headquartered in Scottsbluff, provides psychological testing, media services, material supply programs, and staff and school improvement inservices for Hemingford students and staff, as well as the rest of the panhandle.

TECHNOLOGY

Hemingford has taken an active role in providing the very latest technobgy in computer hardware and software for its students and staff. Computer labs are located in the elementary and secondary schools, with all stations networked through the Internet.

A updated site is now provided on the World Wide Web, at <http://www.hemingfordschools.org> The school site features pages by each faculty member, photographs, and project information, in addition to activity and calendar information.

COMMUNITY

The Hemingford School District is home to a community made up of those in town as well as many families that live on farms and ranches. Some teachers also live in nearby communities outside the district.

Four churches are located in town, along with several community service organizations and youth groups. Parks, ball fields, and a nearby lake help to provide leisure time activities as well.

Local 4-H and church activities continue to involve youth and adults in cooperative ventures that keep the western, small town atmosphere alive and well. In addition, Hemingford is home to the annual Box Butte County Fair, an event that draws thousands of participants and fair goers each summer.

LEARNING CLIMATE ASSESSMENT

Previous surveys in the last several years were taken from community members, parents, and students.

Hemingford's teachers were given high marks and commended for striving to meet student's individual needs, availability, and high expectations of student achievement.

The school was found to be very clean and well kept, and is available for public use. There was a sense of renewed pride in school activity programs, and good community support for the school.

BUILDING and GROUNDS

Over the past several years, the board of education and administration has worked together to continually update the state of the buildings and grounds that comprise the district. A new locker room /weight room / wrestling room addition in 2002 has enhanced the school plant greatly. A new addition that houses the music room, front entrance, and long distance learning lab was completed prior to that in 2000. Continued efforts in maintenance, beautification and in up to date vehicles for students and staff transportation help maintain a safe, friendly atmosphere.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT

The Hemingford Public Schools administers norm-referenced achievement tests to all students in grades two through eleven. In addition, our students have been active in statewide STARS assessments in grades three through eleven. District 10 consistently ranks as proficient in almost every area in all grades tested. Students in Hemingford led the Panhandle and much of the state in writing scores released in the Fall of 2007.

At Hemingford, most juniors and seniors take the Assessment for College Entrance, or ACT. Our individual composite scores are listed below for the past five years. (Senior Class scores for each year)

<u>ACT Composite</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>Hemingford</u>
2000	22.7	22.0	22.7
2001	22.5	21.9	23.1
2002	22.6	21.8	22.1
2003	21.7	20.8	21.8
2004	21.7	20.9	22.4
2005	21.8	20.9	21.4
2006	21.9	21.1	20.9
2007	22.1	21.2	20.2

In most cases, those students taking a "core-student" class schedule fare better on the ACT, since their classes are more core specific in preparation. Even though Hemingford students consistently meet or exceed state and national averages in Core-Student areas, continual effort is made to prepare those students in non-core areas as well.

SCHOOL FINANCE

The 2007-2008 levy for the general fund has been set at \$.0953766 with an additional request of \$0.019071 in the special building fund. The total is \$0.972837 assessed per \$100.00 of property valuation.

Listed below are figures from the last ten years, showing Valuation and levy amounts per \$100 of property valuation.

Annual Levy for Hemingford Public Schools

1994-95	\$1.1512
1995-96	\$1.0066
1996-97	\$1.0384
1997-98	\$1.1457
1998-99	\$1.0989
1999-00	\$1.0849
2000-01	\$1.1060
2001-02	\$1.0261
2002-03	\$1.0321
2003-04	\$1.0504
2004-05	\$1.0373
2005-06	\$0.9984
2006-07	\$0.9817
2007-08	\$0.9728

State Aid History for Hemingford Public Schools

1994-95	\$246,083
1995-96	\$456,076
1996-97	\$482,735
1997-98	\$569,676
1998-99	\$744,213
1999-00	\$891,704
2000-01	\$1,050,726
2001-02	\$1,421,241
2002-03	\$1,406,847
2003-04	\$1,257,775
2004-05	\$1,002,923
2005-06	\$1,024,888
2006-07	\$ 895,890
2007-08	\$1,095,088
2008-09	\$ 987,968

This report is continually updated with new information. Additional assessment and testing results can be found in detail in the assessment portion of the district web page, at www.hemingfordschools.org