



We have had an exciting first semester! Not only does our enrollment continue to increase, so do our student achievement scores! Our district reading scores have increased 16 points in the last six years; our math scores have increased 11 points in the last five years, our science scores have increased 6 points in the last four years, and our writing scores have increased 11 points in the last three years! That's real, solid academic progress! In fact, Norfolk Public Schools is now performing above the state average in all areas measured by the ACT and nearly every area measured by the Nebraska State accountability system.

In addition, two of our elementary schools have received national recognition in recent months. Washington Elementary School received a national Blue Ribbon award, and Westside Elementary School received a national Title I Distinguished School award. These are both very prestigious awards given only to those schools with the highest academic achievement performance across the nation. And, both awards are a testament to the hard work being performed by our students and staff on a daily basis.

Norfolk Public Schools is committed to providing all students with outstanding educational opportunities that are tailored to their individual interests and aptitudes. This can be seen all across the district, but will be especially evident in the Career Academies that we are developing for implementation next school year. These Career Academies will provide our students with special knowledge, job specific skills, and valuable job specific NHS and industry certifications, which will make them better prepared as they enter the local workforce or begin their postsecondary education. This is a critical step towards meeting our mission of preparing all students to pursue their goals for the future.

Your Partner in Learning,

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