

ESU 18

Serving Lincoln Public Schools



Annual Report 2019-2020

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Who we serve...

Educational Service Unit 18 provides support services to the students and staff of the Lincoln Public Schools, a school district that serves over 42,000 students at 39 elementary schools, 12 middle schools, and 6 high schools in Lincoln, Nebraska. ESU 18 also serves the LPS Career Academy, 3 high school focus programs, 3 schools which serve students with more intense behavior needs, and the Pathfinder program for students awaiting a decision from the courts. The mission of ESU 18 is to serve the needs of LPS staff and students to allow LPS to reach their goal of 90% on-time graduation rate for all student groups.

Our students bring a rich diversity of experiences, talents, and strengths. Over 5,000 students receive gifted services, approximately 6,800 receive special education services, 46% qualify for free or reduced lunch, and approximately 3,000 students speak a language other than English as their first language. In fact, our students speak almost 100 different languages!



Although ESU 18 proudly serves all of Lincoln Public Schools, we also partner with other Nebraska districts to offer distance education classes for subjects which smaller districts may not be able to provide, such as advanced language courses. In addition, ESU 18 is a SNRP grant holder, which means we also coordinate the funds, staffing, and resources to provided deaf/heard of hearing services to students in over 20 surrounding districts.



5,106
received gifted services



6,799
were served by special education



2,962
were English Language Learners



46%
qualified for free or reduced lunch

How we serve...

Professional Learning

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ESU 18 provides professional learning and support to all LPS schools. This includes the new teacher induction and mentoring program, tenure courses, Professional Learning Communities, school improvement action plans, and instructional coaching. In addition, ESU 18 supports all LPS schools with accreditation and accountability measures, AQuESTT, and data analysis. ESU 18 offers professional development for teachers and administrators on topics including lesson planning, instructional strategies, equitable practices, and more.

Assessment & Evaluation

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ESU 18 provides assessment and evaluation services for Lincoln Public Schools. Services include expertise in the area of common formative assessments, district statistics, program evaluations, state assessments, surveys, classroom assessment, grading, and other standardized testing. The team provides statistical reporting, annual reporting, evaluation of LPS programs, principal appraisals and more.

Computing Services

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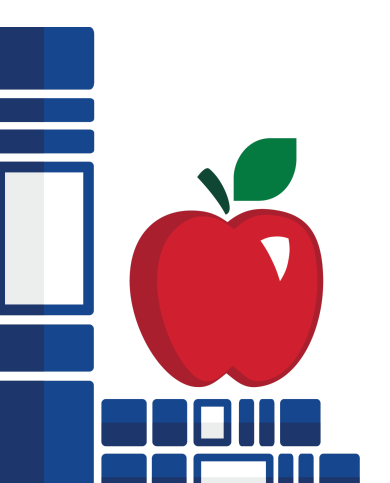
ESU 18 technology funds help provide a world of connectivity to LPS students and staff. In addition to hardware and software, the Computing Services department helps ensure safety and privacy by providing an information security and data privacy program. This serves as the foundation for expanded learning opportunities articulated in a sustainable connected learning plan.



Library Media Services

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Through ESU funding, the LPS Library Services department provides current, accurate, and reliable information databases, digital resources, and streaming videos for students and staff throughout the school district. With access to hard copy texts, as well as a vast network of digital resources, LPS students can keep reading, exploring, and learning from anywhere!



Additional Services

Heritage School

Thanks to ESU 18, every Lincoln Public Schools fourth-grader spends one day at Heritage School, located at Pioneers Park, to experience what it was like to attend the one-room prairie schoolhouses of the 1800s. This experience is connected to their social studies unit about Nebraska history.



Pathfinder

ESU 18 funds services for The Pathfinder Program, which opened in February of 2002. The program serves students in grades 7-12 and is located in the Lancaster County Youth Services Center. The Pathfinder program serves short-term, court involved, youth for the detention center. Pathfinder offers fully accredited educational services to youth awaiting decisions by the court which will best address their needs during their times of difficulty.

SNRP Grant

ESU 18 is an SNRP grant holder and works in collaboration with ESUs 4, 5, & 6, along with over 30 school districts to provide services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing. This is another example of how ESU 18 is working to collaborate with districts beyond Lincoln Public Schools for the benefit of all Nebraska students.

Early Services Coordination

ESU 18 helps support each family of a child with a disability below age three. We work to find services to meet developmental, educational, financial, health care, childcare, respite care, and other services to meet their needs and link the family to additional services. We work with multiple providers to make sure services are provided as needed and then assist families to become coordinators of services for their own children in the future.



ESU 18 Distance Learning

Thanks to the Nebraska Virtual Instruction Sources, hosted by the ESU Coordinating Council, students have access to almost 300 distance learning courses across the state, such as architectural design, Chinese, or pre-engineering which may not be available in their home district. These are just some examples of how single district ESUs can partner with the greater ESU network for the benefit of Nebraska students. These collaborative efforts directly impact the ability of all students to access rigorous curriculum and content, while saving time and money for other districts and ESUs. There are currently over 240 courses listed across the state on the NVIS site for the 2020-2021 school year.

Courses Taught 2019-2020

Fall 2019

World Language: Chinese 1
World Language: German 3/4

Spring 2020

World Language: Chinese 1
World Language: German 3/4
English Language Arts: Holocaust Lit.
Fine Arts: Digital Art

Schools Served by ESU 18 Distance Learning Since 2011

Adams Central (Hastings) • Alliance • Alma • Anselmo-Merna • Arcadia • Ashland-Greenwood • Axtel • Beatrice • Bloomfield • Brady • Cedar Rapids • Central Catholic HS (Grand Island) • Central City • Columbus • Cozad • Crawford • Creek Valley (Chappel) • Douglas County West (Valley) • Elgin • Fairbury • Falls City • Fullerton • Gibbon • Giltner • Gordon-Rushville • High Plains Community (Polk) • Loomis • Meridian (Daykin) • Norfolk • Northwest High (Grand Island) • Oakland-Craig • Osceola • Pleasanton • Superior • Tri-County (De Witt) • Twin River • Wood River • Yutan

Governance

Although Lincoln Public Schools and ESU 18 operate in close partnership, these organizations are two separate entities. ESU 18 conducts its own board meetings, separate from that of Lincoln Public Schools, each with different board officers. ESU 18 is audited and accredited separately and also has its own policies and leadership structure. While the 7 board members are the same for ESU 18 and LPS, they have different elected officers to provide oversight and input into the work of ESU 18. In addition, within Lincoln Public Schools, the departments of Continuous Improvement & Professional Learning, Computing Services, Assessment and Evaluation, and Library & Media Services are all lead by members of the ESU 18 leadership team which meets throughout the year.

ESU 18 Board Officers



Lanny Boswell
President



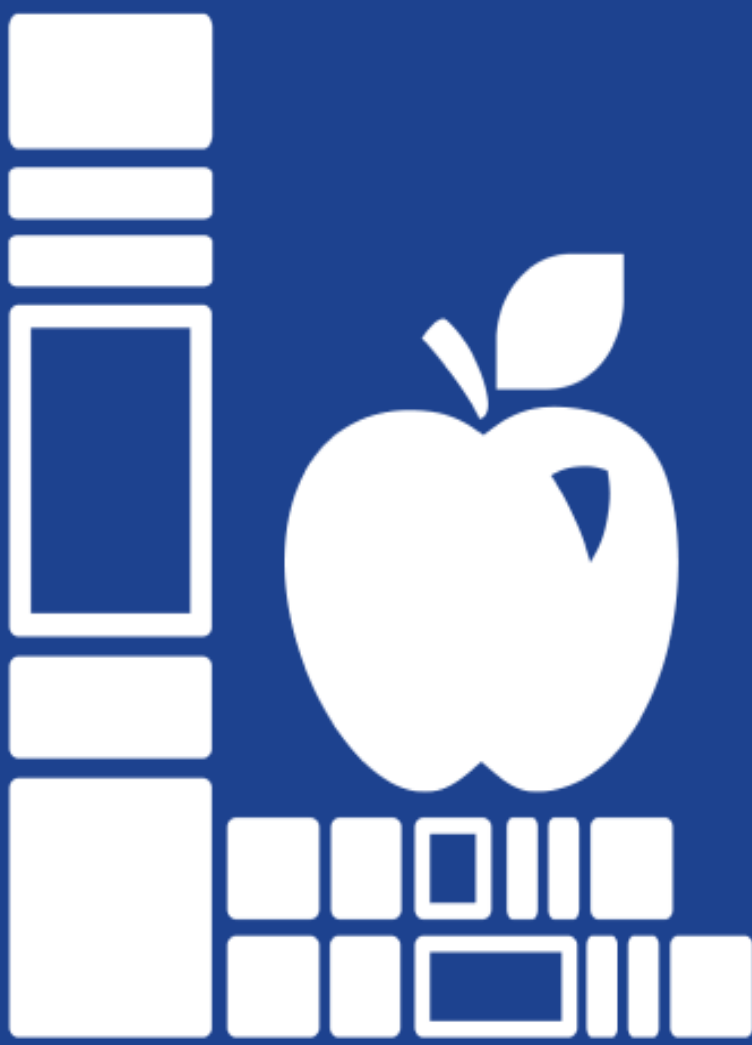
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ESU 18 Budget (2019-2020)

REVENUES

Property Tax
\$ 3,297,691
Property/Personal Property Tax Credit
\$ 182,619
Homestead Exemption
\$ 100,009
County Interlocal
\$ 594,260
State Aid
\$ 2,164,507
Federal Programs
\$ 1,489,156
Interlocal Agreements
\$ 5,903,917
Southeast Nebraska Regional Program
\$ 325,673
Other
\$ 18,557
Total Revenues
\$ 14,076,389

EXPENDITURES

Administration Services
\$ 111,457
Evaluation Services
\$ 1,223,653
Heritage School
\$ 42,356
County Youth Services Center
\$ 643,255
Computing Services
\$ 6,806,241
Staff Development
\$ 1,164,021
Library Media Services
\$ 1,170,226
Southeast Nebraska Regional Program
\$ 283,037
Early Services Coordination
\$ 1,457,052
Total Expenditures
\$ 12,901,298



This revenue and expenditure report is pending confirmation by independent audit. It was compiled for fiscal year Sept. 1, 2019, through Aug. 31, 2020, and is published in compliance with Section 79-1228, R.R.S. Nebraska.

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