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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Educational opportunities abound in the Minidoka County School District. We pay a great deal of attention to education and as a result provide many cutting edge opportunities to our students such as Reading First, Middle and High Schools That Work, dual credit and advance placement classes, and a wide variety of professional-technical programs. While we celebrate our many accomplishments, we recognize that continuous improvement is an integral part of all great programs. This report is a summary of some of the indicators used to determine the performance of our programs so that we can monitor and adjust them. No single report can tell the whole story of our district’s educational programs or the people who work and learn here. We encourage you to find out firsthand by visiting our schools. If you are a parent of one of our students, we invite you to take an active role in your child’s learning because studies show that when parents are involved, students do better in school.

OUR MISSION

To provide a safe and hospitable learning environment where students and faculty work together, using the latest technology, to develop academic excellence, ethical behavior, and personal responsibility. Students are challenged to develop higher order thinking skills while broadening their base of knowledge and improving the quality of their work. Our visionary school creates a flexible learning environment that enables children to become meaningful contributors to society. In this place of learning and sharing, all feel safe to express their creativity and individuality within the standards of our school and community.

OUR COMMUNITY

Many factors, such as how often a child attends school, moving frequently, and English language experience, influence school achievement. Measuring these characteristics helps us understand our student’s needs.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL & OPTIONS FOR PARENTS

Each year the progress of our district towards state and federal academic goals is monitored. Although, as a school, we exceeded state proficiency goals in reading, math, and language, some of our special populations did not show adequate growth according to established state targets and therefore, we did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2005-2006. As a result, we are required to offer choice options for parents.

ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

- Building Enrollment: 715
- 19% participate in programs to learn English
- 79% qualify for free or reduced-price lunches
- 2% participated in gifted and talented programs

ABOUT OUR PARENTS

- 85% attended parent-teacher conferences
- 10% volunteered their time

ABOUT OUR TEACHERS

We are committed to ensuring that our students are taught by a highly trained and qualified staff of instructors and parents are welcome to request information about the qualifications of their child’s teachers. In addition, if the need arises for your child to be taught by a teacher without complete qualifications for more than four weeks, we will notify you.

- 96% are highly qualified
- 2% are approved consultant specialists
- 2% are teaching with a letter of authorization
- 19% are special education teachers

ABOUT AVERAGE CLASS SIZES

Grade	School	District
Kindergarten	19	20
1 st grade	23	21
2 nd grade	22	21
3 rd grade	21	20
4 th grade	24	24
5 th grade	23	25

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Our goal is to provide a place for students to learn without distractions and concerns for safety. We closely monitor activities on our campus and offer programs to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and substance abuse. As required by state and federal laws and rules, we collect, monitor, and report on crimes and substance abuse incidents on our campus and at school activities. A complete report of this information about our school and district is available at: www.sde.state.id.us/ipd/reportcard/.

OUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL’S PROGRESS & TEST RESULTS

Report card on our schools and district are available at www.sd331.k12.id.us. Detailed achievement data for the district, schools, and state can be accessed by clicking on the links at the bottom of the report card screen: **ISAT Assessment Reports** and **AYP Indicator Reports**. To access district data click on the radio button (circle) in front of ‘District’ and select Minidoka County School District from the drop down list. To access school data, click on the radio button in front of ‘School,’ select Minidoka County School District from the drop down list next to ‘District,’ (the school will not appear until you have done this), then select the school from the drop down list that appears next to ‘School.’ These reports provide detailed information about the academic performance of our students and specific groups of students on state reading, math, and language usage tests.

HOW WE ARE IMPROVING

Our students are continuing to make gains in all academic areas, we continue to have a safe learning environment, and our parent involvement is better than ever.

WHAT WE CELEBRATE

We celebrate our kindergarten kids and our Reading First program. Our school has been recognized by the State as an A+ school and we are meeting the Adequate Yearly Progress goals established by the State.