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The purpose of this profile is to provide a snapshot of our schools. As you can see in this profile, we have good reason to be proud of our schools.

The Valentine Community Schools Profile reflects support from our public an parents. We need continued support for our students, our educators, and our schools. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

**2017-2018
Valentine Community
Schools
Profile & Annual Report**

DESCRIPTION

Valentine Community Schools is a class 3 district located in north central Nebraska. The district is comprised of Valentine High School, Valentine Middle School, Valentine Elementary School and four rural attendance centers. Valentine Community Schools encompasses a geographic area of approximately 3400 square miles covering most of Cherry County.

Valentine Community Schools employs approximately 62 teachers and educates approximately 572 students, K-12.

MISSION STATEMENT

Valentine Community Schools will prepare our students for an ever changing world.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL

All students will become proficient writers.

AQUESTT CLASSIFICATION

AQUESTT annually classifies schools and districts as excellent, great, good, or needs improvement. Valentine Community Schools is classified as great. Classification is determined by adjusting a school or district’s beginning status by certain factors and also considering limitations placed on how an adjustment may be earned. Classification is not based solely on test scores. They are based on multiple measures of student success, including graduation rates, progress for English Learners, reduction in chronic absenteeism, and other measures of school quality and student success.

For more information regarding Nebraska accountability, please visit www.education.ne.gov.

ENROLLMENT

	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
2013-2014	13	35	38	46	46	53	49	51	43	44	53	51	58	48	628
2014-2015	12	44	39	42	50	45	56	47	55	46	44	55	48	57	640
2015-2016	12	38	46	40	39	46	48	61	48	53	45	40	50	49	615
2016-2017	12	39	40	39	34	39	41	51	52	48	48	41	37	53	574
2017-2018	9	42	40	41	37	32	40	47	53	53	50	48	41	39	572

SCHOOL MOBILITY RATE

Any students who enter or leave school between the last Friday in September and the last day of school are counted in the mobility rate. An individual student is counted only once. The percentage is calculated using the number of students in grades K-12 as reported in the October or fall membership. The October or fall membership includes students enrolled on the last Friday in September.

For the 2017-2018 school year, Valentine Community Schools had a mobility rate of 9.06% compared to a state-wide 10.86%.

INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS

Nebraska State Law requires 1,032 hours of instruction for elementary and middle school students, and 1,080 hours for high school students. VCS logged the following hours for the 2017-2018 school year.

Valentine High School	1,098 hours
Valentine Middle School	1,071 hours
Valentine Elementary School	1,082 hours
Kennedy	1,056 hours
Wood Lake	1,094 hours
Goose Creek	1,057 hours
Cutcomb Lake	1,089 hours

**STUDENT MEMBERSHIP PERCENTAGE
by RACE & ETHNICITY**

American Indian/Alaskan Native	7.2%
Asian	0.2%
Black or African American	0.2%
Hispanic	4.2%
White	78.5%
Two or More Races	9.8%

DAILY ATTENDANCE RATE

The attendance rate shows the ratio of the total number of days students are actually in school compared to the number of days they could have been in school.

Valentine Community Schools	95.12%
State of Nebraska Average	94.30%

NEBRASKA STUDENT-CENTERED ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (NSCAS)

Percent Proficient by Grade & Subject

Grade	Language	Math	Science
3	76%	85%	**
4	79%	64%	**
5	64%	59%	72%
6	65%	69%	**
7	65%	63%	**
8	58%	52%	73%
11*	44%	58%	53%

*ACT replaced NSCAS

**Science is only assessed in grades 5, 8, & 11

GRADUATION RATE

The Cohort Four-Year Graduation Rate is calculated by dividing the number of students in a cohort who graduate with a regular high school diploma in four years or less by the number of students in the Graduation Cohort, including students who graduate in the summer of the Expected Graduation Year.

This rate is based on the standards published by the US Department of Education. NDE lags the Cohort Four-Year Graduation Rate. The “lag” for graduation rates allows states to use the previous year’s graduation data so that summer school graduates are included in the graduation rate calculation for reporting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

For the 2017-2018 school year, Valentine Community Schools’ graduation rate was 94.29% compared to 88.66% state-wide.

COLLEGE-GOING RATE

The ratio of the number of students who enroll at a postsecondary education institution within 17 months of their high school graduation, divided by the number of students that graduated with a diploma gives us the going on to college rate. Valentine Community Schools has a College-Going Rate of 67% compared to 74% state-wide.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Special education services are specially designed instruction, at no cost to the parent, to meet the unique needs of a child with a verified disability. School districts must ensure that all children with verified disabilities, from birth to age 21, have available to them a free appropriate public education which includes special education and related services to meet their unique needs.

The Students in Special Education report displays the percent of students, ages 5-21 as of October 1st, who are receiving special education services divided by the number of all students in grades K-12 as reported in Fall membership.

During the 2017-2018 school year, 14.03% of students at Valentine Community Schools qualified for Special Education Services. This compares to 15.12% across Nebraska.

HIGH ABILITY LEARNERS

In the 2017-2018 school year, 8.88% of Valentine Community School’s students qualified as High Ability Learners. This compares to 13.21% across the state.

NATIONAL STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

Nebraska school districts chose one national standardized test to measure their students’ performance at a certain grade and to compare their results to the performance of students across the country. Results show the average Nebraska student score on these National Assessment Instruments (NAIs). Valentine Community Schools administers the Northwest Evaluation Association assessments two to three times a year. Scores from the spring testing event are reported to the state.

	District		
	Composite % Score	Reading	Math
Grade 3	Average Normal Curve Total Score	72%	76%
Grade 5	"	68%	66%
	State		
	Composite % Score	Reading	Math
Grade 3	"	60%	58%
Grade 5	"	55%	54%

TEACHING EXPERIENCE MASTER’S DEGREES

The average number of years of teaching experience was 17.55, compared to 14.03 across Nebraska. VCS employed 37 teachers with Master’s Degrees. This represents 57.81% of teachers as compared to 54.92% state-wide.

2017-2018 RECEIPTS

	Receipts	Percent
County Receipts	\$ 80,411.00	0.80%
Federal Receipts	\$ 242,026.00	2.40%
Local Receipts	\$ 8,341,119.00	82.90%
Other Receipts	\$ 459.00	0.00%
State Receipts	\$ 1,400,930.00	13.90%
Total Receipts	\$ 10,064,945.00	100%

2017-2018 EXPENDITURES

	Expenditures	Percent
All Instruction	\$ 6,699,004.00	69.50%
Federal	\$ 260,384.00	2.70%
General	\$ 340,060.00	3.53%
Maintenance & Operation	\$ 1,080,811.00	11.20%
Office of the Principal	\$ 502,171.00	5.21%
Other	\$ 56,543.00	0.59%
State Categorical Programs	\$ 4,120.00	0.04%
Support Services - Business	\$ 63,250.00	0.66%
Support Services - Pupils	\$ 381,147.00	3.95%
Supp Servs - Transportation	\$ 72,341.00	0.75%
Support Services - Staff	\$ 184,745.00	1.92%
Total Expenditures	\$ 9,644,576.00	100%

2017-2018 PER PUPIL COST

Per Pupil Attendance Cost	\$19,204.49
Per Pupil Membership Cost	\$18,289.61

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH

During the 2017-2018 school year, 40.03% of Valentine Community School’s students qualified for federally subsidized meals. This compares to 45.83% across Nebraska.