
CALLAWAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

District Profile Report |2016-2017

Demographics

The Callaway Public School District is a 321.2 square mile class III school system located in the town of Callaway in Custer County. The district operates 5 bus routes and provides transportation for approximately 102 students. The school district employs 37 people. The economy of the area is primarily supported by agriculture, however; the Callaway District Hospital and the Good Life Center provide employment opportunities for a significant number of people.

District Information

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Brief School History

The first school meeting held in Callaway was a hotly contested affair, held August 1, 1887 in the Deems Opera House; C. W. Root, moderator Dr, A. L. Mathews, director, and F. A. Clark, treasurer. The tract offered by Smith and Needham was considered the best location and their proposition was accepted, the tract located south across the creek from the original townsite. A unanimous vote was cast for a nine month school starting in September 1887, bonds voted not to exceed \$1,500 for the building. The contract for building a two-story brick schoolhouse was awarded to John Wirges and S. R. Idell. The brick was from the kiln of Mr. Wirges, of Callaway. This was the first two-story building erected in Custer County and the people of the community carried the project through by subscribing liberally in money and material to have the second story erected, there being barely enough funds in the treasury to complete one story. School censuses, 1888-54. The new brick school was ready for use in the fall of 1889; the first class graduated from the tenth



Student Data and Demographics

Our students take the criterion-referenced NeSA exam in the spring, as required by the state of Nebraska Department of Education. District Results for 2015-2016 are as follows:

- 75% Meet or Exceed in Math
- 87% Meet or Exceed in Reading
- 80% Meet or Exceed in Science
- 72% Meet or Exceed in Writing

CPS was given a ranking of 3 (Great) on the Evidence Based Analysis (EBA) survey for AQuESTT by the NDE.

Our local choice assessments for norm-referenced results are NWEA MAPS tests. The school utilizes DIBELS as our “universal screener” to help customize student instruction for all.

We had 226 students in PK-12 grades in 2015-16. Our graduation rate was 100%, and our mobility rate was 10.5%. 12.4% of our students received special education services, and 32% of our families receive free or reduced-price lunches. Six percent of our students are not caucasian.

grade in 1893. The bell on the school house, which was donated by the Ladies Union, was put up. The bell weighs about 200 pounds and is a beauty. It has a very sweet tone and can be heard for a long distance. This bell is now located at the west side of the Callaway School. This building was blown down and completely wrecked June 4, 1894 in a terrible storm.

About our Staff

Callaway Public School employs 21.4 certificated teachers, and two others are provided by the Sandhills Educational Services Coop (SESC) in Broken Bow. Nine of our teachers have advanced degrees, and the average teacher has 20 years of experience, compared to the statewide average of 14.2 years. Our base teacher salary was \$32,600 in 2015-16, and our average teacher salary was \$49,402. Many of our staff members have been here from the very beginning of their teaching careers.



Financial Information

At the time of this publication, previous year’s financial information was not available at the NDE site. However, CPS does not receive equalization aid from the State. The majority of a \$4.6 million budget is funded by local tax dollars and federal reimbursements for some special services. Our per pupil cost was \$18,307 for the 2014-15 school year.