

## Accreditation and Accountability

Banner County School is fully accredited by AdvancED/North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Accreditation, and the Nebraska Department of Education. This is a higher level of accreditation than is required by the state and is based on meeting the AdvancED standards for quality schools, demonstrating exemplary educational programs. For more information about accreditation, patrons are encouraged to visit the AdvancED website at [www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org) or to call the school at (308) 436-5262.

Banner County School District information about state and federal accountability is available through the State of the Schools Report, which can be accessed on the official website of the Nebraska Department of Education at [www.education.ne.gov](http://www.education.ne.gov). Locally, the district publishes this annual report as an accountability and transparency procedure. This report allows community members access to school information, which citizens can then use as a basis for positive action within the community or school district.



## Extra-Curricular Activities Programs

Banner County School District maintains membership in the Minuteman Activities Conference. Banner County School offers interscholastic competition in football, volleyball, cross country, play production, basketball, wrestling, speech, track and field, opportunities in vocal and instrumental music, and Future Farmers of America (FFA).

### School Improvement

The following have been identified as the school improvement goals:

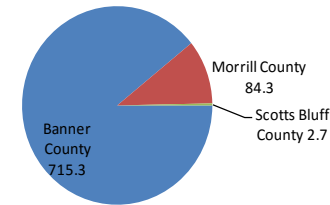
- *Banner County School will work to improve student reading comprehension through multiple strategies across the K-12 curriculum.*
- *All students will demonstrate positive character traits of respect and responsibility within the school community.*

Banner County School takes school improvement very seriously and constantly works to achieve the goals they have set. The following are the steps or accomplishments related to Banner County School's school improvement goals:

- Grades K-6 adopted a new reading series in 2016.
- A reading period was implemented in the high school starting in the 2014-2015 school year.
- Laptop computers were implemented for 7th and 8th grade, making our one to one program 7th-12th grade.
- The number of students failing classes has decreased from last year.

## Banner County School District Land

### Area In Square Miles



## Banner County School Academic Performance

	NeSA Scores			
	Reading	Math	Science	Writing
2012-2013	66 %	54 %	67 %	30 %
2013-2014	65 %	65 %	64 %	
2014-2015	71 %	64 %	58 %	51 %
2015-2016	74 %	65 %	62 %	62 %

	ACT Scores	
	Banner Co.	State
Composite:	22.5	21.4
English:	21.5	20.9
Math:	21.3	20.8
Reading:	24.5	21.8
Science:	22.0	21.5

- NWEA Test Improvements**
- **80.8% of all students improved on the Science portion of the NWEA Test**
  - **66.7% of all students improved on the Language Usage portion of the NWEA Test**
  - **83.8% of all students improved on the Reading portion of the NWEA Test**
  - **81.8% of all students improved on the Math portion of the NWEA Test**

2016-2017

## Banner County School

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### Mission Statement

“Preparing all the students of today for the world of tomorrow.”

*The annual report provided by Banner County School has been prepared for information purposes as required by state statute. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Banner County School, P.O. Box 5, Harrisburg, NE, 69345, 308-436-5262.*

*The Banner County School District develops and publishes this annual report as a service to its patrons. This report demonstrates a summary of the school district in a particular year and reflects the directions in which the district is headed for the future. Each district has its own formula for measuring quality education and success. To accurately assess the quality of our school district, diverse information such as student enrollment, staff, curriculum, facilities, financial statistics, budgeting, student achievement, and strategic climate must all be considered and reported objectively.*



### Board of Education Members

Charity May, President; Ron Johnson, Vice – President; Barbara J. Cross, Treasurer; Wittni Boettcher; Grant Lerwick; Douglas Olsen

### District Administration

Lana Sides, Superintendent 13 years of service  
Charles Jones, Principal 2 years of service

### District Staff

#### Teachers

Jessica Harvie	Pre-School
Brandi Tallmage	Kindergarten
Barb Cooper	First Grade
Bethany Cooper	Second Grade
Rebecca Lashmett	Third Grade
Priscilla Bastian	Fourth Grade
Karin Jones	Fifth Grade
Elizabeth Bohac	Sixth Grade
Deb Bolander	K-6 Special Education
Sara Steer	Title I/Jr. High Language Arts
Sandy Wounded Arrow	K-12 Instrumental Music
Angie Hilbert	S.S. /P.E.
Kari Gifford	Business/Librarian/A.D.
Jessica Stauffer	S.S./7-12 Special Education
Debbie Leffers	7-12 Science
Nancy Olsen	Math/Webpage Design
Robin Parsons	K-12 Art/Yearbook
Jeri Revelle	Family & Consumer Science
Bob Cooper	Math/Science
Bill Gifford	Vocational Agriculture
Chris Cooper	Counselor/6-12 Vocal Music
Edward Montgomery	7-12 English

### District Staff (cont.)

#### Classified Personnel

Linda Barrett	Bus Driver
Ken Boston	Network Administrator
Rick Caudillo	Library Paraprofessional
Brittany Serres	Paraprofessional
Chad Miller	Head Girls Basketball
Lois Dillinger	Cook
Sondra Anderson	Bus Driver
Stephanie Farro	SPED Paraprofessional/Bus Driver
Sue Harrison	SPED Paraprofessional
Mike Johnson	Assistant Maintenance
Marlene Jones	Cook
Sharon Lease	School Secretary/Bus Driver
Sonja Lind	Bookkeeper
Charity May	Bus Driver
Tod Wenger	Maintenance Supervisor
Shari Monsees	Lunchroom Manager
Trey Mosby	Asst. Football/Boys Basketball
Chris Olsen	Bus Mechanic
Martin Olsen	Assistant Wrestling
Marie Parker	Nurse/Bus Driver
Jamie Smith	SPED Paraprofessional
Cole Wyatt	Head Boys Basketball
Sue Talkington	Custodian/Bus Driver

#### Breakfast and Lunch Program

Banner County School provides a school breakfast and lunch program in accordance with state and federal guidelines. Parents are able to check student lunch balances via the school website at [www.bannercountyschool.org](http://www.bannercountyschool.org).

### School District Instructional Staff (2016-2017)

There are currently 47 employees of the Banner County School District, including 2 administrators, 22 teachers, school nurse, network administrator, 4 paraprofessionals, a maintenance supervisor and grounds keeper, a school secretary, a school bookkeeper, a building custodian, 7 bus drivers, and 3 kitchen staff, in addition to other part-time employees.

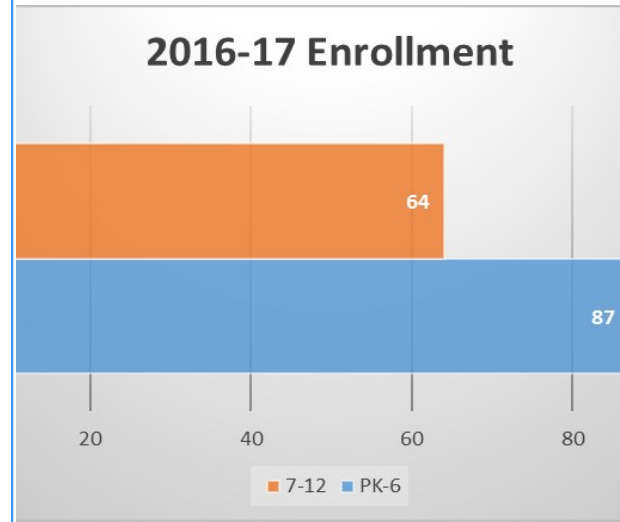
Certified Instructional Personnel	22
Certified Instructional Personnel with Masters	8
Nurses	1
Classified Personnel	23
Student to Certified-Personnel Ratio	6.86 to 1

#### Student Transportation (2016-2017)

Regular Bus Routes	7
Approximate Length of Most Routes	40 miles/2x a day
Employees with Bus Driver Licenses	9 (plus 2 subs)
School Buses for Activity Trips	2
School Suburbans for Activity Trips	2

#### Student Demographics (2016-2017)

The following enrollment data are displayed on the State of the Schools Report assessed through the Nebraska Department of Education website:



### School District Valuation & Budget (2016-2017)

