

MALCOLM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

School Mission Statement

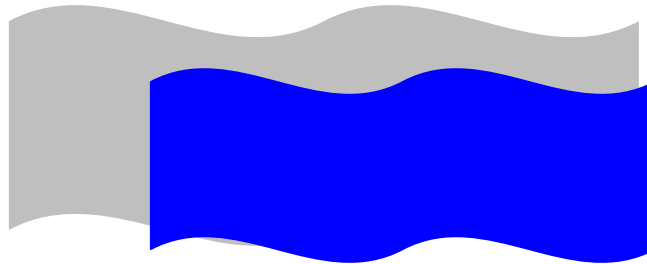
In partnership with our community, we will provide an educational experience that maximizes the potential of each student to become a productive and responsible citizen.

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Greg Adams, JH/SH Principal
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GOVERNING VALUES / BELIEFS

The mission of the Malcolm Public Schools is based upon the belief that:

- Students are our first priority
- Each student is unique and has infinite value
- Education is dynamic and evolving
- A positive learning environment enhances learning
- High expectations promote higher achievement
- Honesty and integrity are essential to building trust
- Individuals are responsible for their own actions
- Our school is accountable to the community
- Education is a shared responsibility of the individual, family, school and community
- Excellence is worth the investment

TO: MALCOLM PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND PATRONS:

Preparing a Child to Become a Productive and Responsible Citizen

This report is submitted to the patrons of Malcolm School District #148 as an annual report in accord with accreditation rules of the Nebraska Department of Education. This Annual Report is a compilation of many facts, which are intended to provide parents and patrons of the Malcolm Schools with information on student achievement, school system performance, and district resource allocation and expenditures. We are very proud of the accomplishments and achievements of our students and staff. We are thankful for a progressive thinking and supportive Board of Education and school community. Not only is it important for our community to have accurate and relevant information about our schools, it is also very important that you are involved in the educational process.

The original mission statement and governing values were first developed in 1995/96 by a group of 28 district patrons; in 2002 and 2007 the mission and values were affirmed during the required State review process for school improvement. In 2012, patrons, parents, teachers, administrators and school board members worked together in developing a new mission and set of values—seen on page 1. We are very excited about the changes and new focus.

The Malcolm Public School is a quality school system with a quality staff. This district has been fortunate through the years to have the support of the community patrons in every aspect of district growth and change. **It is our mission, in partnership with the community, to provide an educational experience that maximizes the potential of each student to become a productive and responsible citizen.**

This report attempts to provide a variety of information about Malcolm Public School's operations, enrollment, financial status, district demographics, and achievement highlights. It includes examples of how we fared in giving our students the critical skills they need to be productive citizens in our society. While this report has been prepared as a comprehensive picture of education in this district, we realize that the total picture cannot be told in percentages, numbers, and charts. I encourage you to read the report. If any questions arise, please feel free to contact the superintendent's office at 796-2151. This is an interesting time in education as we are experiencing many changes in local, state and national education requirements. Local, state, national, and now international challenges face us each day as we prepare our students for the world of tomorrow. There are and will be, many opportunities for you to become involved in your school. You and your participation are always welcomed at Malcolm Public School.

Sincerely,

Ryan Terwilliger
Superintendent of Schools

DISTRICT DESCRIPTION

The Malcolm School District (#148) comprises approximately 85.3 square miles in Lancaster and 2.6 miles in Seward County. The district is made up of the communities of Emerald, Malcolm, and the surrounding rural areas. The district is organized as a K-6, 7-12 educational institution in one building located just north of the Village of Malcolm.

Malcolm Public School is classified as a Class III (K-12) district by the Nebraska Department of Education. The Nebraska School Activities Association, for purposes of student activities and athletic competition has classified Malcolm, as a Class C school. Malcolm Public School is a member of the East Central Nebraska Conference for our activities program. Member schools include: Conestoga, Elmwood-Murdock, East Butler, Freeman, Louisville, Malcolm, Mead, Palmyra, Johnson County Central, Weeping Water, and Yutan.

A six member, at-large Board governs the school district. Each member is elected for a four-year term. Board members serve without compensation. The Board of Education generally meets the third Monday of each month, with a standard starting time of 7:00 P.M. The meetings, which are open to the public, are traditionally held in the district boardroom located in the Central Administration Office at 10004 NW 112th. Current members of the Board of Education are: President Don Densberger, Vice-President Craig Vanderkolk, Secretary Michelle Bice, Treasurer Cheryl Lindner, member Kevin Lostroh and member Ed Swotek.

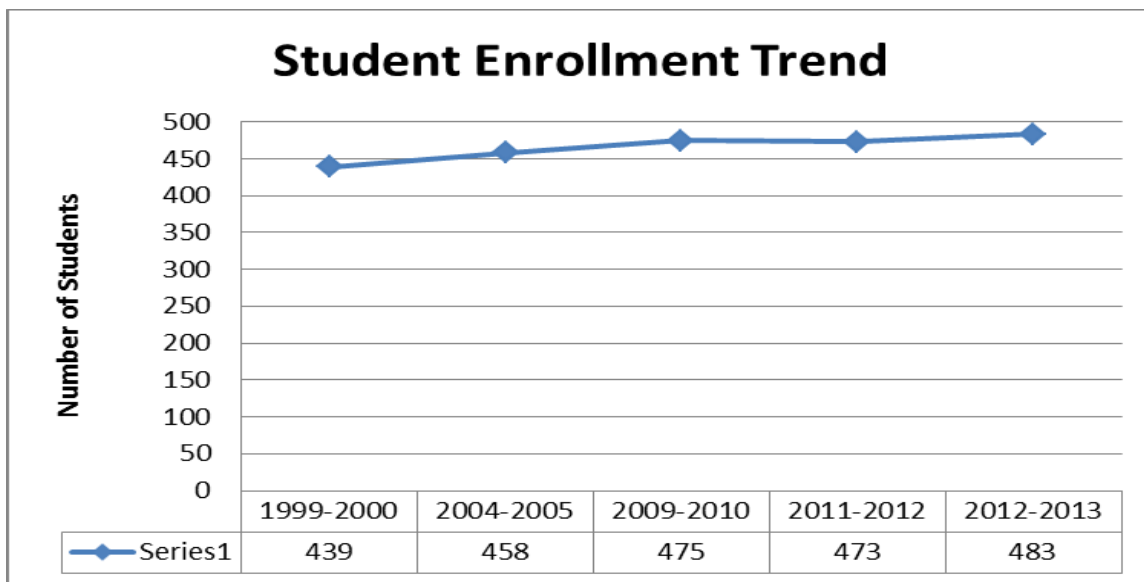
The Malcolm Public Schools Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates separately but as an extension of the schools. The foundation was formed to provide for acceptance of tax-deductible donations from interested supporters of education. Donations in the form of cash, acceptable equipment and other donations have been accepted since the foundation was formed in the fall of 1991. The foundation also donates to worthwhile school projects throughout the year.

Each year, to assist graduates in furthering their education, scholarships are awarded graduating seniors from the Malcolm Public Schools perpetual scholarship fund.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Student Enrollment Comparison, as of the Last Friday in September:

	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13
K-6	233	263	272	258	258	255	252
7-12	232	222	213	208	217	218	231
K-12	442	455	476	480	475	473	483



Faculty and Support Staffing:

The Malcolm Public School staff is constantly seeking ways to improve themselves, their knowledge of subject matter, and their instructional skills and techniques. Staff development is an important part of our adult learning process. Staff members gain additional experiences through in-services, and workshops as well as summer and evening college classes. Of the forty seven (47) professional staff members employed, twenty seven - (29) or (62%) faculty members have obtained at least a masters degree. Eighty-seven percent (87%) of the certified staff has earned college hours beyond their initial degree and 100% have attended workshops or in-service experiences to support their instruction.

Twenty-nine (29) professional staff members have 10 or more years of teaching experience. Eight (8) staff members have 20 or more years in education and out of that eight, four (4) staff members have 30 or more years in education. There are eighteen (18) faculty members who have been in the Malcolm Public School System at least 10 years, which provides continuity, stability and excellence in our programs.

Staff Information

Administration	4	(1-Supt, 2 Prin., and 1-Director of Student Services)
K-6 Teachers	19	(K-6 utilizes team concept - (K-1-2) (3-4) (5-6) (Spch) (Sped) (Tech)
7-12 Teachers	15	(2-Sci, 2-Math, 3-S.S., 3-Lang Arts, 1-IA, 1-Bus, 1-Family Consumer Science, 1-Sped and 1-Technology)
K-12 Teachers	9	(.5-SpEd, 1-Spanish, 1-Art, 2-Music, 1-Libr, 1 Reading and 1 – Guidance, 2-PE)
K-6 Non-Certified	9.5	(Aides: 1-Health Aid. 7-Sp Ed/Classroom, 1.5-Elem Ad Ass't)
9-12 Non-Certified	4	(Aides: 1-Library, 1-Office Aide, 1 Sped Aid and 1-HS Ad Ass't)
Dist. Non-Certified	<u>17.5</u>	(4.5-Cooks, 5.0-Bus Drivers, 6-Main/Custodians and 2-Clerical)
Total # of Staff	78	Not All Are Full Time

Staff - Past and Future: Increased needs in special education resulted in MPS increasing its certified and non-certificated staff from 2006 to the present. As we have found ways to better engage middle level learners we have also found it took additional instructors, but the improved middle level learning has well been worth the effort and cost.

CF- Certificated Faculty -- NC- Non-Certified

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CF	46	46	47	47	47	47
NC	29.75	30.25	30	30.5	30.5	31
Total	75.75	76.25	77	77.5	77.5	78

Student Transportation: The transportation department currently includes seven buses (5 route and 2 spare/activity), 2 vans, 1 special education vehicle, and one pick-up truck. The numbers for 11-12 follow:

Route miles for year: 43,557

Average miles driven per bus/per day: 49

Students transported daily by this district: 225

Average miles driven per day: 245

Activity trip miles including field trips: 22,823

Special Education Miles: 6,931

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial information prepared for this portion of the report contains data from 2011-2012 and some for 2012-2013. The following information will show you a breakdown of expenses by categories and revenue by source. Included is a levy history that shows the tax levy by Fund over the last sixteen years. You will also be able to see the changes that have occurred in the district's assessed valuation. In addition, there is a table that will allow you to track State Aid changes that have occurred over the last several years.

HISTORY OF LEVIES & VALUATIONS

	General Fund	Bond Fund	QCPUF	Special Bldg.	Total Levy	Change per \$100	Valuation
1997-98	1.2586	0.2981		0.1399	1.6966	-61 cents	\$126,713,030
1998-99	1.0959	0.311		0.0000	1.4069	-29.59 cents	\$127,993,268
1999-00	1.0497	0.2754		0.0000	1.3251	-8.18 cents	\$152,212,119
2000-01	1.0999	0.2711		0.0000	1.3710	+4.59 cents	\$161,621,644
						Bond Fund	\$163,916,507
2001-02	1.0349	0.2266		0.0402	1.3017	-6.93 cents	\$136,896,931
						Bond Fund	\$185,267,418
2002-03	1.0223	0.2112		0.0412	1.2747	-2.70 cents	\$141,404,829
						Bond Fund	\$210,661,848
2003-04	1.1031	0.1621		0.0273	1.2925	+1.78 cents	\$160,573,362
						Bond Fund	\$251,384,779
2004-05	1.1105	0.1541		0.0199	1.2845	-.80 cents	\$162,737,454
						Bond Fund	\$265,405,402
2005-06	1.0317	0.1439		0.0624	1.238	-4.65 cents	\$171,261,407
						Bond Fund	\$284,337,992
2006-07	0.9864	0.1296		0.066	1.182	-5.60 cents	\$191,273,347
						Bond Fund	\$319,533,238
2007-08	1.0227	0.1232		0.0506	1.1965	+1.45 cents	\$196,025,215
						Bond Fund	\$333,808,416
2008-09	1.0021	0.105		0.0478	1.1549	-4.16 cents	\$206,908,406
						Bond Fund	\$349,133,182
2009-10	1.0005	0.0982		0.0494	1.1481	-.0068 cents	\$214,700,015
						Bond Fund	\$360,471,342
2010-11	1.0046	0.1027		0.0453	1.1526	+0.0045 cents	\$216,365,438
						Bond Fund	\$362,879,005
2011-12	0.9957	0.1018	0.03172	0.0505	1.1796	+2.70cents	\$234,024,612
						Bond Fund	\$386,914,208
2012-13	0.9933	0.1031	0.0295	0.049748	1.1756	-.0040 cents	\$255,569,098
							\$420,387,420

- The drop in valuation in 1997-98 was due to a change in law that removed the motor vehicle valuation from the total valuation.
- The difference in value between the General Fund and Bond Fund is the loss of annexed property value (Kawasaki & Fallbrook) to Lincoln. Annexed Property remains part of the Bond Fund until paid off.
- The QCPUF column was added in 2011-12 for an air quality project in Westfall

**FIGURES FROM 11-12 SCHOOL AUDIT
REVENUE FOR GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2012:**

Local Receipts	
Property Taxes	\$2,194,106.87
Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$185,442.16
Tuition Received From Individuals	\$750.00
Carline Tax	\$4,324.64
Interest	\$390.24
Transportation From Individuals	\$9,298.64
Local License Fees	\$450.00
Public Power District Sales Tax	\$7,285.97
Donations	
Other Local Receipts	\$117.57
	\$2,402,166.09

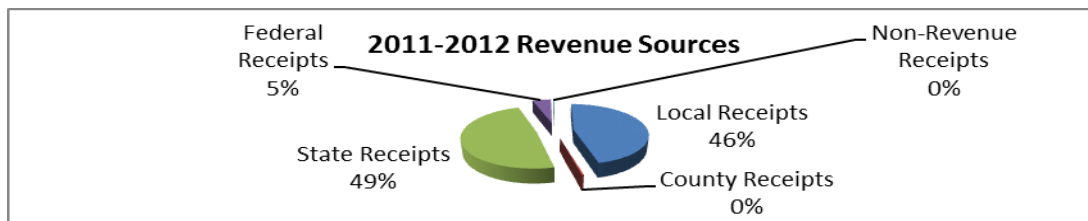
County Receipts	
Educational Service Unit	\$3,305.07
County Fines and Licenses	\$14,460.18
	\$17,765.25

State Receipts	
State Aid	\$2,123,267.14
Special Education Programs	\$209,454.00
Special Education Transportation	\$3,675.00
State Apportionment	\$48,609.58
Property Tax Credit	\$91,237.06
Homestead Exemption	\$54,840.90
Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle	\$6,862.74
High Ability Learner	\$4,283.00
	\$2,542,229.42

Federal Receipts	
Title VI	
Title I	\$14,134.00
Title II Part A	\$6,083.00
Carl Perkins	
IDEA Enrollment/Poverty	\$89,712.00
IDEA Base	
Education Jobs	\$2,245.00
REAP Grant	\$53,011.98
Title 8 Impact Aid	\$67,703.00
Medicaid Administration Outreach	\$16,943.53
E-Rate	\$147.75
	\$249,980.26

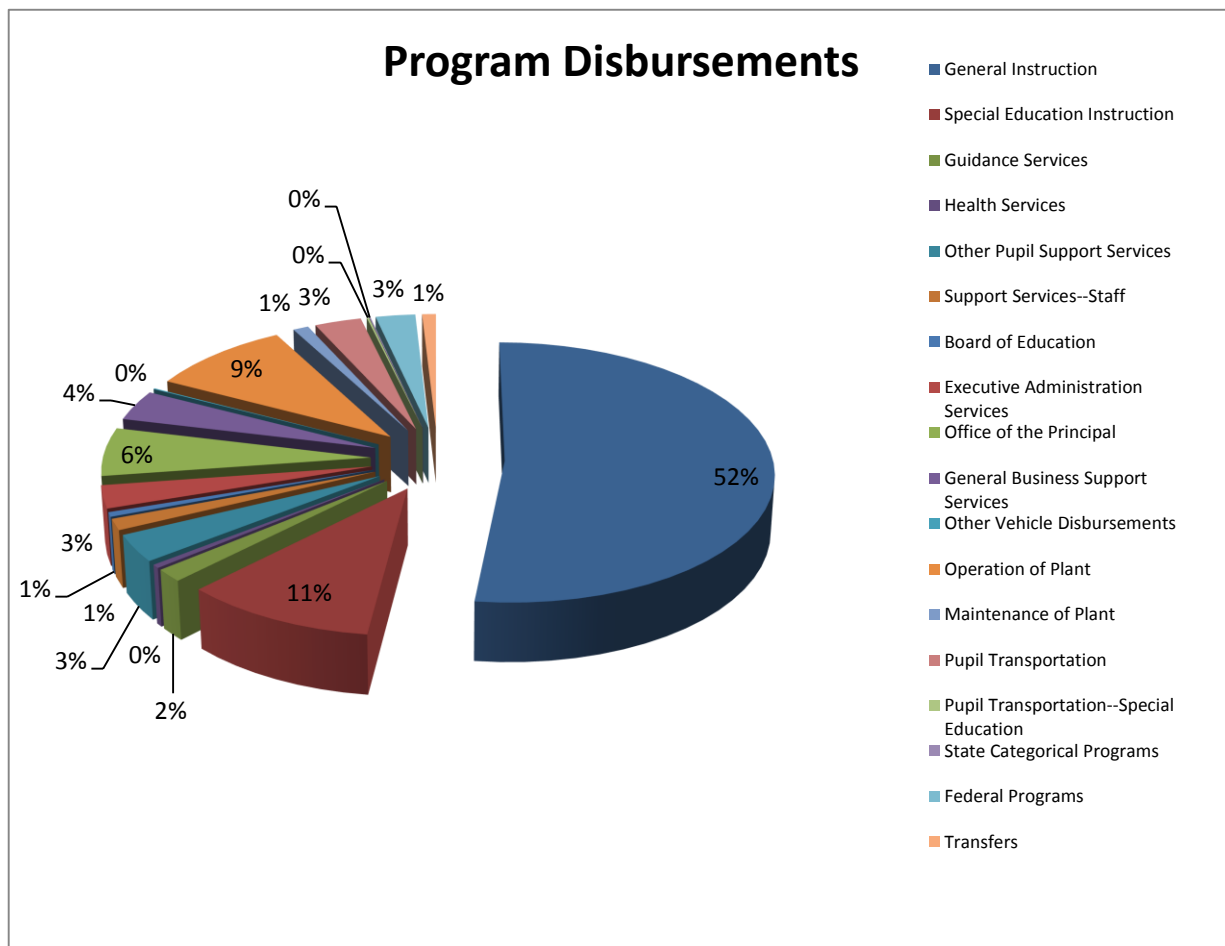
Non-Revenue Receipts	
Insurance Adjustments	\$676.40
Sale of Property	\$2,131.02
Other Non-Revenue Receipts	\$16,349.65
	\$19,157.07

Total Receipts **\$5,231,298.09**



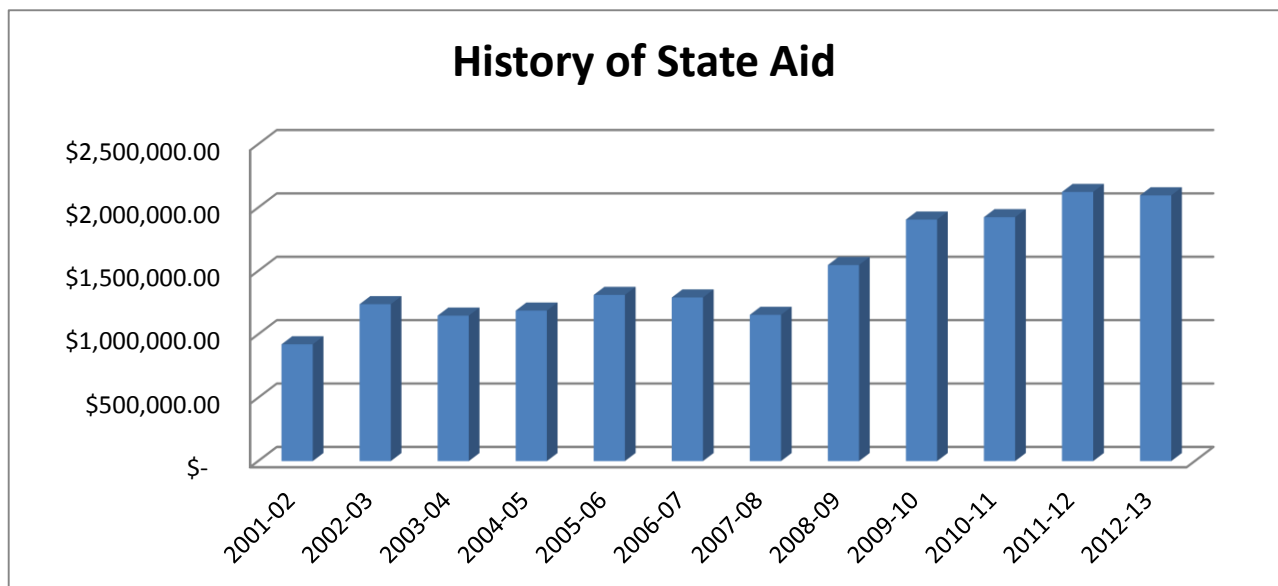
DISBURSEMENTS FOR GENERAL FUND - SCHOOL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2012:

	2011-2012	
General Instruction	\$2,719,263.32	
Special Education Instruction	\$551,701.62	
Guidance Services	\$82,433.46	
Health Services	\$23,098.64	
Other Pupil Support Services	\$176,539.19	
Support Services--Staff	\$73,272.92	
Board of Education	\$29,686.10	
Executive Administration Services	\$148,105.00	
Office of the Principal	\$314,554.97	
General Business Support Services	\$198,270.67	
Other Vehicle Disbursements	\$5,984.20	
Operation of Plant	\$493,097.29	
Maintenance of Plant	\$54,292.19	
Pupil Transportation	\$162,648.83	
Pupil Transportation--Special Education	\$7,543.92	
State Categorical Programs	\$4,283.00	
Federal Programs	\$137,975.07	
Transfers	\$47,920.85	
Total Budget of Disbursements and Transfers	\$5,230,671.24	
Fund Balance, September 1, 2011		\$1,364,208.58
Receipts 2011/2012	\$5,231,298.09	
Disbursements 2011/2012	\$5,230,671.24	\$626.85
Fund Balance, September 1, 2012		\$1,364,835.43



VALUATION BREAKDOWN BY COUNTIES OR DISTRICT

		Lancaster	Seward	Oak Valley	Total
1998-99		117,019,098	2,411,752	8,562,418	127,993,268
1999-00		139,618,633	2,737,631	9,855,855	152,212,119
2000-01	General	148,229,724	2,949,305	10,442,615	161,621,644
	Bond	150,524,587	2,949,305	10,442,615	163,916,507
2001-02	General	122,609,395	3,084,399	11,203,137	136,896,931
	Bond	170,979,882	3,084,399	11,203,137	185,267,418
2002-03	General	127,004,294	3,724,689	10,675,846	141,404,829
	Bond	196,261,313	3,724,689	10,675,846	210,661,848
2003-04	General	144,168,306	3,939,533	12,465,523	160,573,362
	Bond	234,979,723	3,939,533	12,465,523	251,384,779
2004-05	General	146,081,427	4,373,332	12,282,695	162,737,454
	Bond	248,749,375	4,373,332	12,282,695	265,405,402
2005-06	General	154,235,649	4,483,484	12,542,274	171,261,407
	Bond	267,312,234	4,483,484	12,542,274	284,337,992
2006-07	General	186,499,146	4,774,201	included	191,273,347
	Bond	314,759,037	4,774,201	included	319,533,238
2007-08	General	191,199,218	4,825,997	included	196,025,215
	Bond	328,982,419	4,825,997	included	333,808,416
2008-09	General	201,899,997	5,008,409	included	206,908,406
	Bond	344,124,773	5,008,409	included	349,133,182
2009-10	General	209,147,879	5,552,136	included	214,700,015
	Bond	354,919,206	5,552,136	included	360,471,342
2010-11	General	210,790,670	5,574,768	included	216,365,438
	Bond	357,304,237	5,574,768	included	362,879,005
2011-12	General	228,205,504	5,819,108	included	234,024,612
	Bond	381,095,100	5,819,108	included	386,914,208
2012-13	General	249,124,282	6,444,816	included	255,569,098
	Bond	413,942,604	6,444,816	included	420,387,420



Testing Results and Student Achievement for 2011 - 2012

Throughout Nebraska, schools are using a variety of approaches to school improvement. For the last several years, Malcolm Public School has utilized the Nebraska Research Based school improvement process. This process uses a framework developed by curriculum specialists of Nebraska’s Educational Service Units. The result of this process is the development of an Action Plan for improving learning. It often incorporates knowledge or processes drawn from “effective schools” workshops, “A+ Achieving Excellence” workshops, or the Minnesota Educational Effectiveness Process. Generally, an Action Plan is implemented over a three to five year time period. Our school improvement plan is designed to be continually evolving, extending and expanding. There is no end, only brief interruptions for evaluation of progress on Action Plans.

Prior to the 2009-2010 school-year, Malcolm Public School used the California Achievement Test as our national norm reference test, which provided us with one measure of student achievement. In 2009-2010 we moved to the NWEA-MAP testing for our national norm reference test, because it provided staff with more individual student feedback which would aid and improve instruction. No matter which norm referenced test a school selects, it will only test between 20-40 percent of the instructed subject area (state standards). Norm referenced testing should be just one of many ways a school assesses its students and its effectiveness teaching core curriculum.

EXPLORE TEST

The EXPLORE Test is given to 8th graders. This assessment measures students’ achievement of knowledge in four basic core subjects: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science Reasoning. In addition, students complete an interest inventory and a needs assessment. The interest inventory links the student’s interests to careers where those interests are of value. When the test results are returned, our guidance counselor goes through the results with the students, who each have a workbook that helps them link career choices to their interest inventory. Additionally, students complete a need assessment that informs our staff of the students’ perceived needs for improved study skills, assistance in college and career planning, and their need for financial planning assistance.

Below are the mean scores on Malcolm students for the past five years as compared to the national scores. National normative data for years 07-11 are based on students who took all four academic tests within standard time limits as part of a national study conducted in fall 2005. Note: When comparing local and national means, differences in English or Reading scores of 2.1 or smaller, and differences in other test scores of 1.7 or smaller, are not likely to be statistically significant.

EXPLORE TEST RESULTS – 8th Graders take the Explore

Year	Group & # Students	English	Math	Reading	Science Reasoning	Composite
2007-2008	Malcolm (31)	15.6	14.3	14.9	16.7	15.4
	National	14.2	15.1	13.8	15.9	14.9
2008-2009	Malcolm (28)	16.1	15.4	14.6	17	15.9
	National	14.2	15.1	13.8	15.9	14.9
2009-2010	Malcolm (35)	17.3	17	16.3	18.4	17.3
	National	14.2	15.1	13.8	15.9	14.9
2010-2011	Malcolm (36)	17.1	16	15.8	17.2	16.6
	National	14.2	15.1	13.8	15.9	14.9
2011-2012	Malcolm (35)	17.9	16.6	16.1	18.7	17.5
	National	14.7	15.5	14.6	16.6	15.5

PLAN TEST

The PLAN Test, which is a follow-up to the EXPLORE test, is given to 10th graders. It also consists of academic testing in English, Mathematics, Reading and Science Reasoning, as well as an interest inventory and a needs assessment. As in the EXPLORE test, the focus of the PLAN test is to look at careers that match a student's academic performance as well as their interests. The 10th graders also receive a workbook to assist them in working through the process of identifying careers, starting with the basic career clusters, and then investigating specific careers within those clusters. Our guidance counselor spends a minimum of one class period going through the workbooks with the students. Below are the mean scores of Malcolm students as compared to national mean scores for the past five years. National normative data (2006-2010) are based on 10th grade students who took all four academic tests within standard time limits as part of a national study conducted in fall 2005. Please note that differences in Science Reasoning or Composite scores of 1.4 or smaller and differences in other test scores of 1.9 or smaller are not likely to be statistically significant.

PLAN TEST RESULTS – 10th Graders take the Plan Test

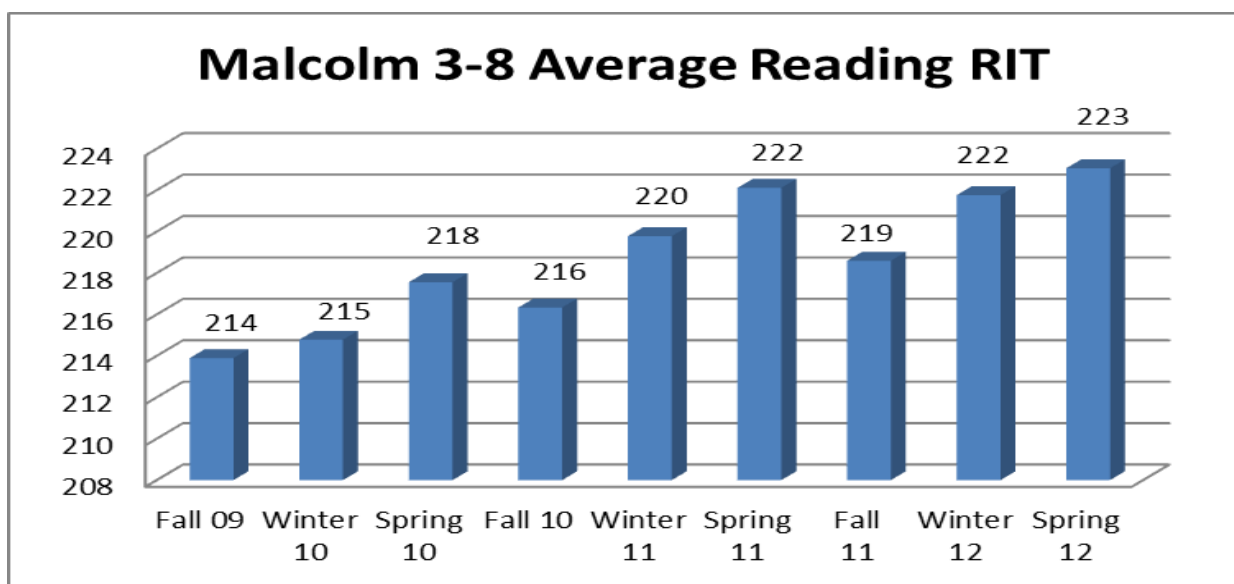
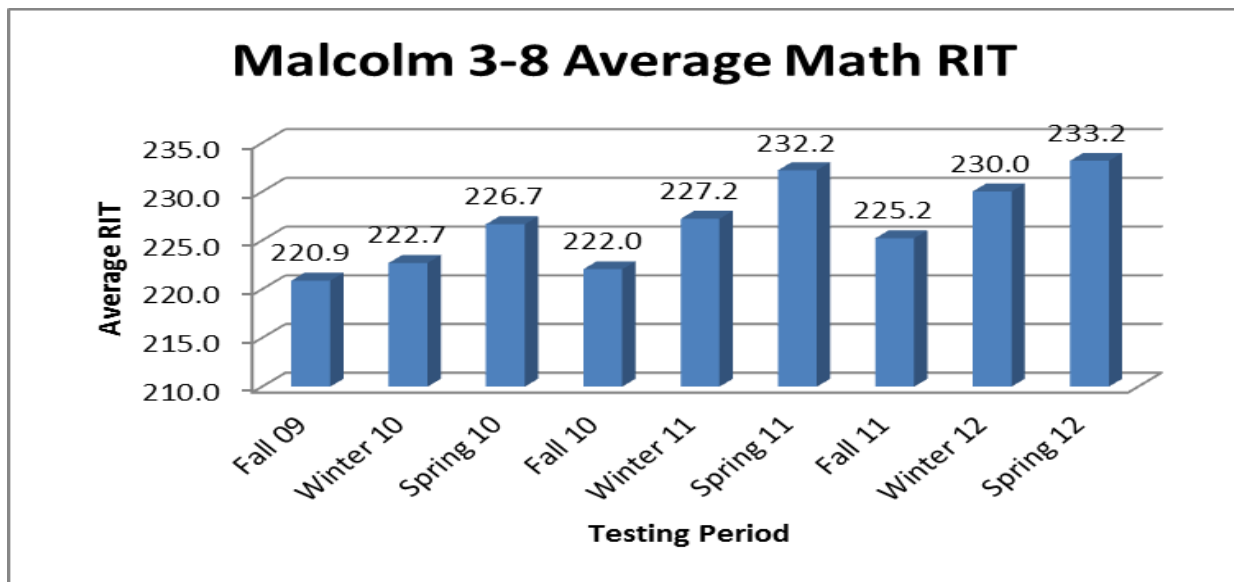
Year	Group and Student #	English	Math	Reading	Science Reasoning	Composite
2007-08	Malcolm (37)	16.5	17.5	18.8	19.1	18
	National	16.9	17.4	16.9	18.2	17.5
2008-09	Malcolm (33)	18.5	18.1	18.9	19.6	18.8
	National	16.9	17.4	16.9	18.2	17.5
2009-10	Malcolm (31)	18	16.5	18.5	18.7	18
	National	16.9	17.4	16.9	18.2	17.5
2010-11	Malcolm (27)	18.1	18.6	19.1	20	19.1
	National	16.9	17.4	16.9	18.2	17.5
2011-12	Malcolm (41)	18.2	19.4	18.4	19.7	19
	National	16.2	17.6	16.7	17.8	17.2

NORM REFERENCE TESTING

NWEA MAP TEST – (Norm Reference Test given to 1st-8th and 11th Grades)

The Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) MAP test is a norm-reference assessment that we have selected to measure the performance levels of our students. Unlike our former norm-referenced test, NWEA is a dynamic and adaptive test that uses interactive technologies which adjust the difficulty of the questions (in real-time) to match the students' current performance levels. We feel that this test reflects our philosophy of challenging students without overwhelming them. Because of this, we feel that we can eliminate a couple of testing variables that can have a negative effect on performance and data accuracy; frustration and/or boredom. As a result, we are confident that we are getting the most accurate data available from a norm-reference test.

NWEA MAP: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th GRADE NORM-REFERENCE TEST RESULTS



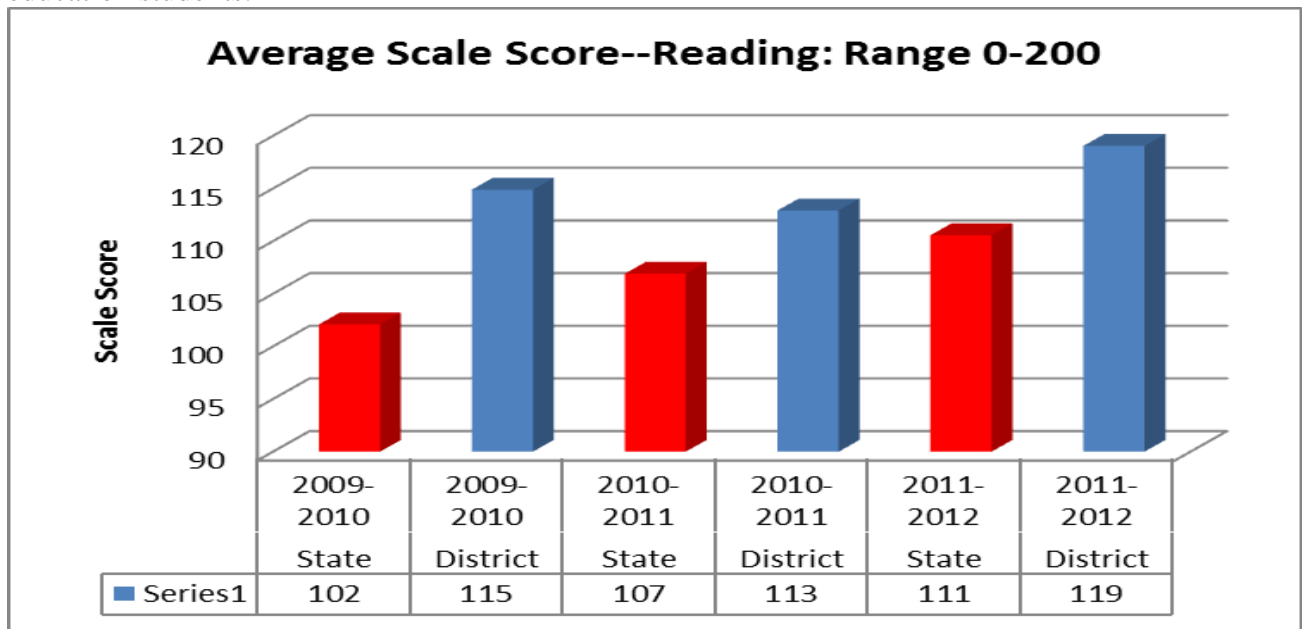
- RIT: a proprietary, equal interval measurement that allows us to track growth and compare regardless of the age of the students or the time they were tested

NEBRASKA STATE ACCOUNTABILITY (NeSA)

The legislative sessions of 2007 and 2008 produced drastic changes in standards and assessment for Nebraska schools. The new system relies on a common test where individual school districts can and will be compared. The transition from the old system (STARS) to the new system (NeSA) happened over a three year period. In the 2009-2010 school year, reading was assessed using the NeSA format, while math and science continued to be assessed using STARS. In the 2010-2011 school year, reading and math were assessed using the NeSA format, while science continued with STARS. Finally, in 2011-2012, reading, math and science were all assessed using NeSA.

NeSA READING

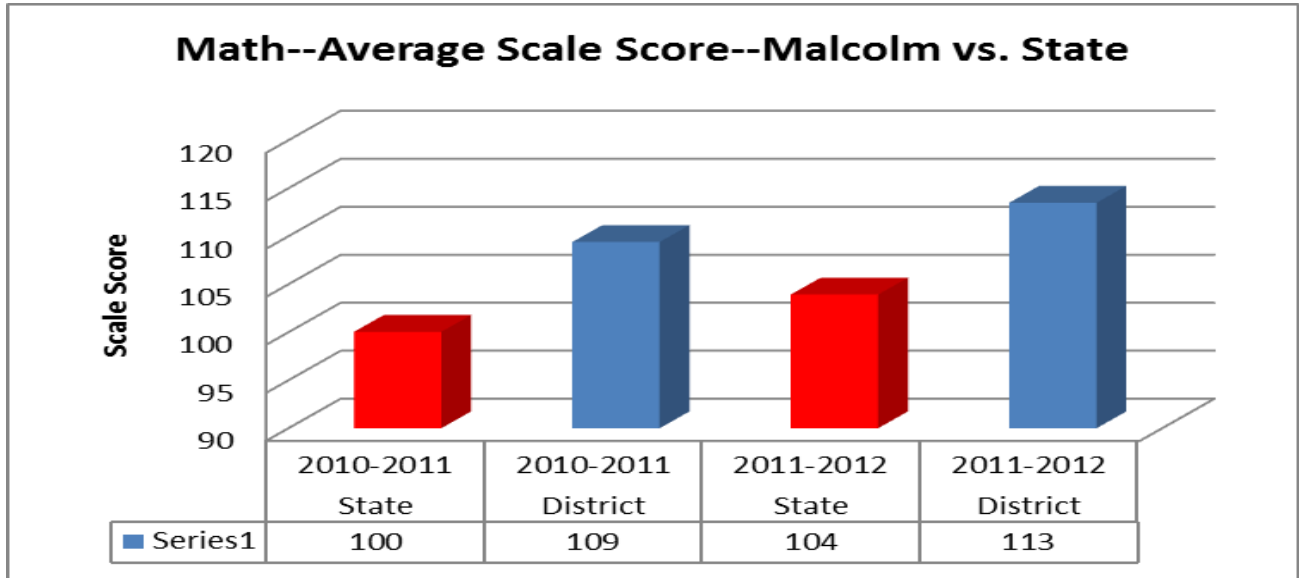
During the 2011-2012 school year, grades 3-8 and 11 were given the NeSA reading test. The test was administered to 100% of the student population with only approved accommodations for special education students.



- Malcolm outperformed the state for the third consecutive year.
- 2011-2012 was the highest average scale score for both the state and Malcolm

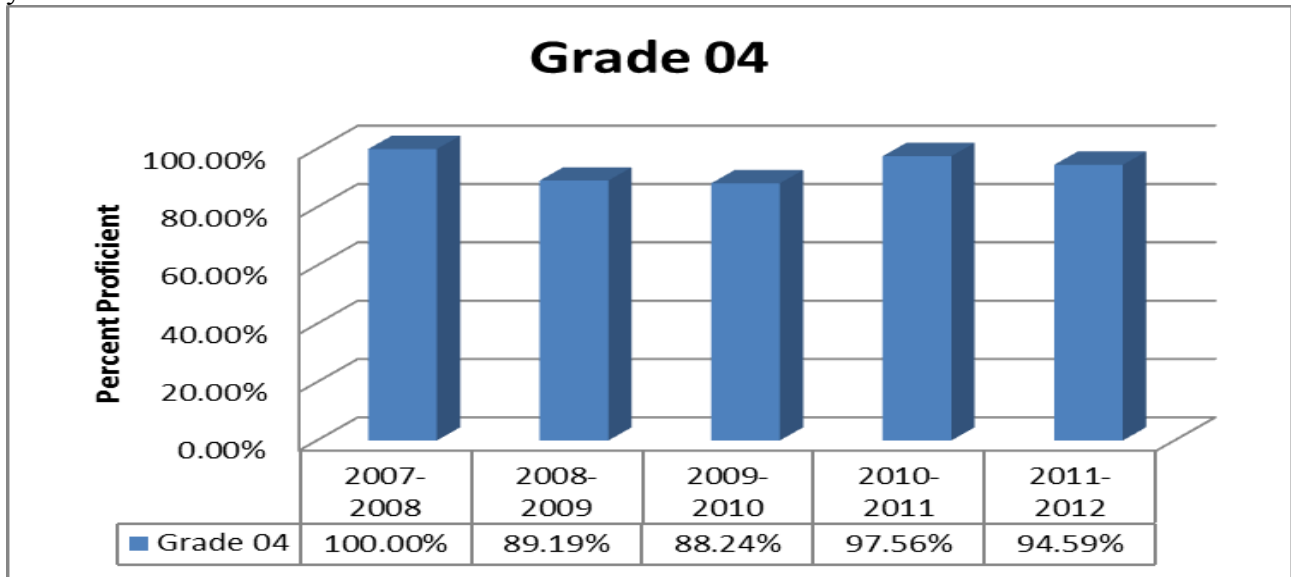
NeSA Math

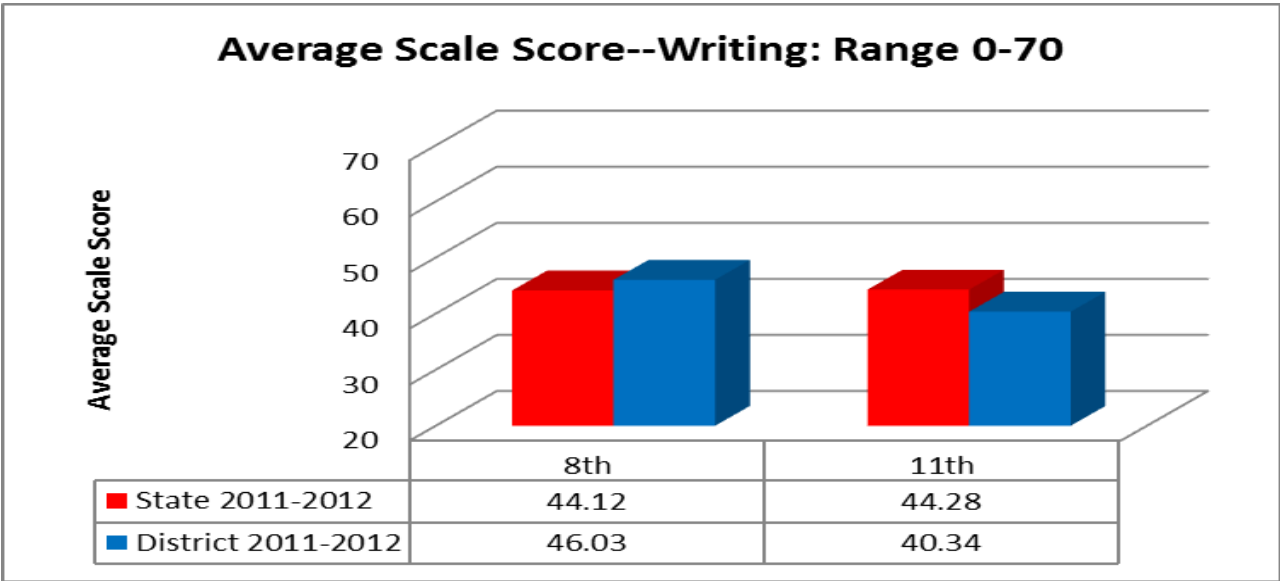
During the 2011-2012 school year, grades 3-8 and 11 were given the NeSA Math test. The test was administered to 100% of the student population with only approved accommodations for special education students.



- Malcolm outperformed the state average for the second consecutive year
- Malcolm improved their average scale score by four points

STATE WRITING ASSESSMENT: In 2011-12, the STATE WRITING ASSESSMENT was given to students in grades 4, 8, & 11 with no special education accommodations. Grades 8 and 11 were given a different test than they had traditionally taken. Because of this change, we can only show one year's worth of data.

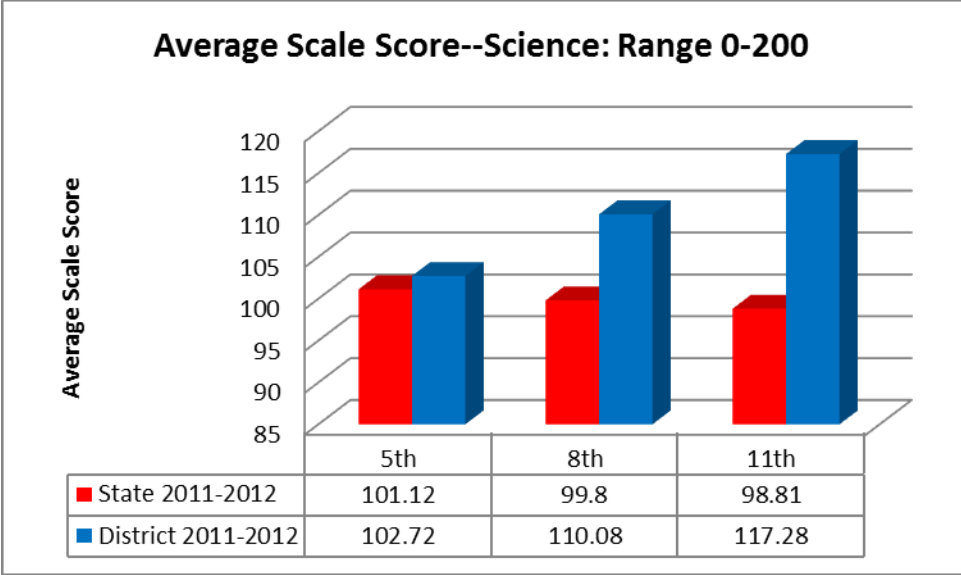




- The fourth and eighth grades outperformed the state average, while the eleventh grade fell short of the state average
- The fourth grade was above 90% proficient

STATE STANDARDS – SCIENCE:

2011-2012 was the first year for the NeSA Science (NeSA-S) assessment. Previously, Science was assessed using the old STARS system. NeSA-S was given to all students in fifth, eighth, and eleventh grades.



- Malcolm outperformed the state average at all tested grade levels
- Malcolm 11th grade out-performed the state average by over 18 scale points

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND AND ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP)

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTABILITY:

In 2011-12, Malcolm Public School met all Federal AYP targets.

4th Grade:

State Standards Accountability: **Met**

Federal Accountability: **Met**

2 yrs. Continuous Progress: **Met**

8th Grade:

State Standards Accountability: **Met**

Federal Accountability: **Met**

2 yrs. Continuous Progress: **Met**

11th Grade:

State Standards Accountability: **Met**

Federal Accountability: **Met**

2 yrs. Continuous Progress: **Met**

Fourth Grade Students Meeting or Exceeding Reading Standards: **Met**

Eighth Grade Students Meeting or Exceeding Reading Standards: **Met**

Junior Students Meeting or Exceeding Reading Standards: **Met**

Fourth Grade Students Meeting or Exceeding Math Standards: **Met**

Eighth Grade Students Meeting or Exceeding Math Standards: **Met**

Junior Students Meeting or Exceeding Math Standards: **Met**

Fifth Grade Students Meeting or Exceeding Science Standards: **Met**

Eighth Grade Students Meeting or Exceeding Science Standards: **Met**

Twelfth Grade Students Meeting or Exceeding Science Standards: **Met**

Writing goal for elementary, middle schools and high school: **Met**

All Students - Test Participation was above 95% - **Met**

Graduation Rate Exceeds 83.97 % - **Met – 100%**

No Child Left Behind Qualified Teachers – **100%**

MALCOLM SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PROCESS: In March 2012, the district hosted an external team of educators to review our school improvement processes and data. The overall purpose of an external team visit is to add an outside, objective view of the progress of the work accomplished by the school. This team was available to the school improvement curriculum committees to answer questions and if necessary, provide direction and guidance.

During the past five years the school district has focused its energies and resources on improving skills in reading comprehension, written communication, health and wellness, technology, visual and performing arts, as well as started processes to improve skills in math. Several commendations were given to the various curriculum committees, but more importantly, we received a few more recommendations that would further assist us in accomplishing our goals.

The school improvement process is always evolving and changing around student data. Following several years of analyzing student data, the school improvement teams felt the district had made acceptable strides on those goals, and attention could be moved to other areas. After a short review of past data analysis sessions and some professional dialog between committee members, the curriculum committee agreed upon the following objectives or goals for the next school improvement cycle.

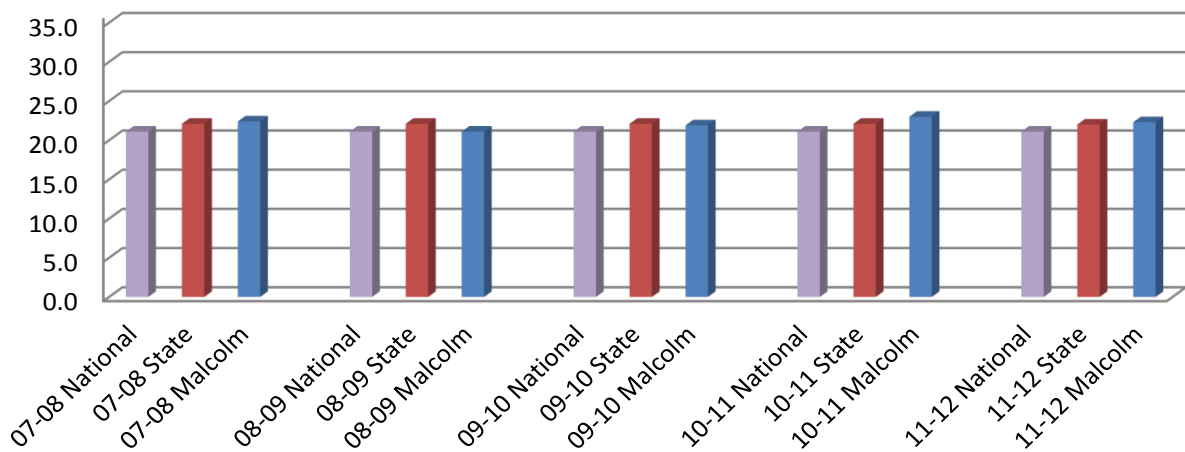
- (1) All students 3-12 will improve writing skills with a focus on organization and ideas/content
- (2) All students will improve skills in math.
- (3) All students will improve skills in Health and Wellness, Technology and Visual and Performing Arts.

** Reading and written communication will be monitored, to see if our success can be maintained or improved, without being specifically targeted.

ACT (American College Test)

The ACT is the most common college entrance exam used in the Midwest. It is not required of all students but it is available to be taken by any student and it may be taken multiple times by the same student. The following graph compares National, State, and Local ACT scores from 2008 through 2012. The possible score range is from 0-36. Students who take a minimum of Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry typically achieve higher ACT Math scores than students who take less than three years of math. In addition, students who take more advanced math courses substantially increase their ACT math score. Students taking Biology and Chemistry in combination with Physics typically achieve higher ACT Science scores than students taking less than three years of science courses.

ACT Comparison



STUDENT BODY / DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

	11-12 State	11-12 Malcolm
Students Eligible for Free and Reduced priced meals	43.79 %	14.82 %
Students Moving in or out during the school year	11.84 %	4.42 %
Students Learning the English language	6.72 %	0.21 %
Student Attendance Rate	95.55 %	96.16 %
High School Graduation Rate	87.62 %	93.75 %
Receiving Special Education Services	15.03 %	8.98 %
Percentage of Teachers with Master Degrees	47.46%	58.54 %

SO WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

This annual report is submitted to the patrons of this community to help them understand and evaluate their school system. It is through this understanding that we as a school district can take pride in our accomplishments and identify areas where we need to improve. We also realize the total school picture can't be told in just percentages and numbers. The district will be constantly reviewing and evaluating the processes and results we are receiving from our student body. The Malcolm School District, will be continually striving to improve our educational programs and instructional delivery. Our goal as a school district is to give every child an opportunity to reach his fullest potential. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact School Administration or any school personnel.