

ATLANTIC

Community School District
2019-2020



Washington Elementary



Atlantic Middle School



Achievement Center



Early Learning Center



Schuler Elementary



Atlantic High School





REPORT ON EXCELLENCE

*Annual Report for Atlantic Community School District
November 2020*

ANNUAL REPORT INTRODUCTION

Mr. Steven Barber, Superintendent

Atlantic Community Schools' Mission Statement

The Atlantic Community School District will prepare all learners to be creative, innovative and productive citizens by providing diverse opportunities to learn and apply relevant skills and knowledge in a positive, disciplined and challenging environment.

Superintendent

Steven Barber

Finance Director

Sarah Sheeder

Transportation

Mark Weis

Food Service

Natalie Ritter

Maintenance

Russell Peck

Technology Director

Roger Warne

Curriculum Director

James Northwick

High School Principal

Heather McKay

Asst. Principal/Act. Director

Andrew Mitchell

Middle School Principal

Josh Rasmussen

Schuler Elem Principal

James Northwick

Washington Elem Principal

Stacey Hornung

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No one could have predicted the challenges that Atlantic Community School District had to face as the world was faced with a pandemic. On March 13, 2020 we were mandated to close our school of on-site instruction and developed a voluntary remote learning experience for our students the last seven weeks of school. For teachers this was a delivery model that had very little time to prepare and our students had not experienced learning in this format. Our level of engagement was low. Many of the hurdles that existed in the spring of 2020 have been addressed and as a school we are much more prepared moving forward.

Basically everything was put on hold or cancelled, including the state test Iowa Statewide Assessment for Student Progress (ISASP), which is data that measures student achievement of the Common Core in math and science. Therefore, the numbers contained in this report is identical to those of last year, so we were unable to analyze how actions taken by each building in these areas made an effect on student achievement. Also, since our students were in continuous voluntary learning for a quarter of the year we are uncertain on how much our students retained information and skill development that was missed due to school closure. To date we have not received our annual ACT results for the district.

We continue to experience a high school graduation that is significantly higher than the state's average and has increased in district over the past three years from 94.23% to 96.7%. This is true for our dropout rate as well, trending downward in our district and being better than what is typically seen in the state. A lot of work has been done to provide applied sciences and exposing our middle school students to STEM exploratory classes. We feel and the numbers would indicate, that more students are finding ways to engage in areas of interest and meet the expectations for graduation.

Throughout last spring we surveyed staff and parents and utilized this information to help overcome some of the challenges we experienced once everyone was required to deal with COVID and the safety of all. Our District Leadership Team, with the help of others in the organization put in actions to help overcome the challenges and prepare our teachers to teach in different delivery models. Through this process we were able to provide equity for our diverse student population and ensure that we educate all no matter the delivery model.

One of Atlantic's strengths is the opportunity we provide our students in extra and co-curricular activities. The number of high school students who are active continues to be strong. We believe that the benefits being involved in these activities helps our students grow in many ways and see these activities as part of developing our Portrait of a Graduate.

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2019-2020 School Board Members

Josh McLaren, President

Term Expires 2021

Kristy Pellett, Vice-President

Term Expires 2021

Nicholas Hunt

Term Expires 2023

Laura McLean

Term Expires 2023

Jenny Williams

Term Expires 2023

Sarah Sheeder, Board Secretary/Treasurer

Graduation Rate

Year	Atlantic	State
2017	94.23%	90.98%
2018	94.69%	91.41%
2019	96.7%	91.6%

Dropout Rate

Grades 7-12

Year	Atlantic	State
2017	2.02%	1.93%
2018	1.39%	1.83%
2019	0.98%	1.79%

Seniors Pursuing Post-Secondary Education

Class of	Percentage
2017	78.00%
2018	71.43%
2019	69.57%
2020	70.97%

District ACT Results

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2020-2021 Certified Staff

Atlantic High School

Brandon Baggett
 Allison Berryhill
 Jeremy Blake Mandi
 Brauer Deb Burton
 Dexter Dodson
 Alyssa Dovenspike
 Henry Hallgren
 Rhonda Hawkins
 Sheila Hayden
 Terry Hinzmann
 Kathy Hobson
 Connor Larson
 Cecily McCuen Eric
 Miller Trisha
 Niceswanger Jarrod
 O'Donnell Trace
 Petersen Ethan
 Pruisman Cole
 Renken Sarah Rose
 Randall Simpson
 Lisa Sonntag Daniel
 Vargason Laura
 Vogel Rebecca
 Walker, Emma
 Wallace Susan
 Wedemeyer Noah
 Widrowicz Taylor
 Williams

Washington Elementary

Jodie Allen
 Tarah Anderson
 Montana Applegate
 Dara Bartz
 Lindsey Benning
 Tracy Daugherty
 Janice Dickerson
 Faye Dreyer
 Melissa Goergen
 Macie Harringa
 Jennifer Heath
 Sheryl Hinzmann
 Jodie Hogue
 Stacy Johnson
 Alisa Kool
 Pattiey Koontz
 Lisa Krogman
 Jessica Larsen
 Rachel Larsen
 Marnie Leiferman
 Katina McCormick
 Chelsea McCunn
 Paul McKay
 Ashley Mosier
 Michaela Myers
 Kelly Northwick
 Casey Pelzer
 Melanie Rasmussen
 Becci Reinig
 Gena Rush
 Beth Schwarte
 Christine Skog
 Elizabeth Smith
 Val Stickler
 Steffani Tarrell
 Chelsie Van Ert
 Marsha VonSeggern
 Cathy Williams
 Hillary Zellmer

Experience

Masters Degree plus 30 or more hours	7
Masters Degree plus 15 hours	4
Masters Degree	43
Bachelors Degree plus 50 hours	2
Bachelors Degree plus 30 hours	12
Bachelors Degree plus 15 hours	15
Bachelors Degree	33

2020-2021 Certified Staff

Atlantic Middle School

Michael Applegate
Joseph Brummer
Deb Burton
Bryce Casey
Katie Chamberlain
Ashley Coffman
Sandy Cooper
Tim Duff
Erin Ebling
Jeff Ebling
Derek Hall
Kendra Henningsen
Marilyn Jacobs
Kelly Juhl
Chelsey Lee
Heather Lundquist
Mike McDermott
Danielle Meek
Trisha Niceswanger
Leah O'Donnell
Angela Oglesbee
Elizabeth Reid
Hollie Reilly
Angela Sieh
Amberley Schechinger
Cheryl Thompson

Schuler Elementary

Michelle Blake
Katie Chamberlain
Katy Christianson
Ed Den Beste
Janice Dickerson
Sarah Dorsey
DeLana Harris
Janet Hascall
Sierra Johnson
Laura Karas
Amber Knudsen
Caroline Madsen
Jenny Madsen
Faith McCunn
Paul McKay
Jill Miller
Hollie Reilly
Hannah Ridder
Lenzi Robinson
Angela Sieh
Cheryl Thompson

School Nurses

Kelli Evans, RN
Laura Freund, RN & Head Nurse
Kristi Simpson, Health Associate
Shannon DeArment, Health Associate

Alternative Education/Programs

Brielle Cerven, ELL Coordinator
Mary McBride, Link Center
Melanie Fell, HS/MS Behavior Interventionist
Carolyn Bruck, Elementary Behavior Interventionist
Linda Nichols, Home School Coordinator

Tina Olson, Home School Coordinator
JoAnn Runyan, School-to-Work Coord.
Vanessa Perkins, TAG Coordinator
Karen Vogl, CCEOC
Susan Wedemeyer, CCEOC

2020-2021 Non Certified Staff

CLAIR ACKER	WADE JOHNSON	PAUL RUHR
AMBER AYALA	BEV JONES	JENNIFER RUMERY
MELISSA BALCH	MINDEN JONES	DANNA SAEUGLING
MICHELLA BARTHOLOMEW	MICHAELIN JUHL	HEATHER SAGER
LORRETTA BARRINGER	MICHELLE KARDELL	SHELLY SCHLAKE
ANGELA BEHRENS	JODY KING	MARTHA SCHOLL
DONALD BOGGS	BECKY KIRCHHOFF	HEATHER SCHORLE
MONICA CARLSON	MALLORY KIRCHHOFF	AUBREY SCHULER
SHAUNA CASEY	PAMELA KLAR	DIANA SCHULER
TESIA CLEAVER	STEPHANIE KLOEWER	STACIE SCHWALLER
CASSIDY COENEN	KELLY KNUDSON	DENISE SHARP
LIGIA COHRS	CATHY KNUTH	JACQUELYN SHEEDER
SHERI COOK	DELMY LAM	APRIL SIGGINS
KEN CRANE	AMY LAMBSON	LISA SILENCE
KERRI DENISON	MEGAN LEEPER	CHRISTINA SIMONTON
BECCA DRAKE	COLE LOWARY	ANN SIMPSON
DAWN DREAGER	DANIELLE LYONS	ANNETTE SMITH
TERRY DUGGAN	DENISE MASKER	RICH SMITH
KENT EHLE	RACHAEL MAXWELL	RILEY SPEER
LORY ERICKSON	LORI MCCONNELL	ANTHONY SUNDERMAN
AUDREY FARRINGTON	MELANIE MCDERMOTT	CRYSTAL SUNDERMAN
KELBE FLATHERS	EMILY MCLAREN	RACHEL TENER
JORDAN FRANKEN	TISHA MENDENHALL	LINDSEY THOMAS
TINA FRANKEN	KIM MEURER	LAURIE THOMPSON
JOSEPH GARVEY	MELISSA MILLER	GWEN ULLERICH
DONNA GREEN	JIM MULLENIX	ASHLEY UPDIKE
JOANIE GRUBBS	LORI NAMANNY	STACY VAN AERNAM
BRYAN GUY	JANET NICKLAUS	REBECCA VANDEVANter
LINDA GUY	HEATHER NOSEKABEL	LINDSEY VANHORN
JUNE HALDER	MOLLY O'HARA	MARK VAVRICEK
JULIE HANSEN	SUSANNAH ODETTE	SHERI WALTER
DIANE HAYES	LAURIE PARROTT	WYNTER WALTZ
LORI HAYES	MARCELLA PECK	NITA WARNE
JEFF HETRICK	ORAN PERKINS	MARK WEIDEMAN
ANGELA HILLHOUSE	WENDY PETERSEN	CLINT WEPPLER
REGINA HONKE	JULIE PHIPPEN	DAVID WHEATLEY
TONNA HOOVER	VANESSA PROEHL	MARIAH WHEATLEY
EMILY HUDDLESON	SHERRY PROSS	KAY WILLIAMS
SHERYL IEKEL	NATHAN RENZ	LINDSAY WILLIAMS
BRIAN IHNKEN	RACHEL RIECK	JODI WOODARD
TRACY JACOB	ANDREA RIESGAARD	KYDIE WOOLSEY
TAMMY JERAY	AMY ROBINSON	HALEY WRIGHT
AMBER JIPSEN	JENIFER RUGAARD	

DISTRICT DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Atlantic Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, religion, age, political affiliation, socioeconomic status, or marital status in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code sections 216.9 and 256.10(2), Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d and 2000e), the Equal Pay Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 206, et seq.), Title IX (Educational Amendments, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 – 1688) Section 504 (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq.). If you have questions or grievances related to compliance with this policy by the Atlantic Community School District, please contact the Compliance Officer – Josh Rasmussen, at Atlantic CSD, [1100 Linn Street, Atlantic, Iowa 50022](#), phone 712-243-4252, or the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661.

2020-21 SIAC Committee	2020-21 DLT Committee
Steven Barber	Michael Applegate
Craig Alan Becker	Steven Barber
Brielle Cerven	Jeremy Blake
Katie Chamberlain	Missy Goergen
Tammy DeBord	Macie Harringa
Kathy Hobson	Janet Hascall
Stacey Hornung	Stacey Hornung
Ann McCurdy	Jenny Madsen
Laura McLean	Heather McKay
James Northwick	James Northwick
Holly Oathoudt	Josh Rasmussen
Brian Ruge	Liz Reid
Jena Waters	Emma Walker
Anna Wieser	

2020-2021 Atlantic Community School District Calendar

School Holidays

Labor Day	Sept. 7, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 26, 2020
Christmas Day	Dec. 25, 2020
New Year's Day	Jan. 1, 2021
Memorial Day	May 31, 2021

*Certified Staff will be paid 5 holidays per the Employee Handbook

Calendar Legend

1.5 Hour Early Dismissal	*
2.0 Hour Early Dismissal	^
No School	7
Teacher In-Service (No School)	22

*
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7
22

Number of Days		Hours	Total
137	Full Days	6.5	890.5
37	1.5 Hr Early Dismissal	5	185
3	2.0 Hr Early Dismissal	4.5	13.5
	Fall Conferences	10	10
	Spring Conferences	10	10
Total Student Hours			1109

					Hours	Teacher Days	Student Days	
August 2020								
M	T	W	TH	F				
17	18	19	20	21		3		Aug. 19, 20, & 21 - Teacher In-Service
24*	25	26*	27	28	29.5	5	5	Aug. 24 - First Day of School
31					6.5	1	1	
September 2020								
	1	2*	3	4	24.5	4	4	
7	8	9*	10	11	24.5	5	4	Sept. 7 - Labor Day (No School)
14	15	16*	17	18	31	5	5	
21	22	23*	24	25	31	5	5	
28	29	30*			18	3	3	Homecoming 2 Hr Early Dismissal (Date TBD)
October 2020								
			1	2	13	2	2	
5	6	7*	8	9	31	5	5	
12	13	14*	15	16	31	5	5	Oct. 16 - End of 1st Quarter (39 Days)
19	20	21*	22	23	31	5	5	Oct. 28 & 29 - Parent Teacher Conferences
26	27	28*	29	30	28	5	3	Oct. 29 & 30 - No School
November 2020								
2	3	4*	5	6	31	5	5	
9	10	11*	12	13	31	5	5	
16	17	18*	19	20	31	5	5	
23	24	25^	26	27	17.5	4	3	Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day (No School)
30					6.5	1	1	Nov. 27 - No School
December 2020								
	1	2*	3	4	24.5	4	4	
7	8	9*	10	11	31	5	5	
14	15	16*	17	18	31	5	5	Dec. 22 - End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester (43 Days) (82 Days)
21	22	23	24	25	13	3	2	Dec. 25 - Christmas Day (No School)
28	29	30	31		0	0		Dec. 23 - Jan. 4 - Winter Break (No School)
January 2021								
				4	0	1		Jan. 1 - New Year's Day (No School)
4	5	6*	7	8	24.5	5	4	Jan. 4 - Teacher In-Service (No School)
11	12	13*	14	15	31	5	5	
18	19	20*	21	22	31	5	5	
25	26	27*	28	29	31	5	5	
February 2021								
1	2	3*	4	5	31	5	5	
8	9	10*	11	12	31	5	5	
15	16	17*	18	19	28	5	3	February 17 & 18 - Parent Teacher Conferences
22	23	24*	25	26	31	5	5	February 18 & 19 - No School
March 2021								
1	2	3*	4	5	31	5	5	
8	9	10*	11	12	31	5	5	March 12 - End of 3rd Quarter (47 Days)
15	16	17*	18	19	31	5	5	
22	23	24	25	26	0	0	0	March 22 - 26 - Spring Break (No School)
29	30	31*			18	3	3	
April 2021								
			1	2^	11	2	2	April 2 - Good Friday
5	6	7*	8	9	31	5	5	
12	13	14*	15	16	31	5	5	
19	20	21*	22	23	31	5	5	
26	27	28*	29	30	31	5	5	
May 2021								
3	4	5*	6	7	31	5	5	
10	11	12*	13	14	31	5	5	
17	18	19*	20	21	31	5	5	May 26 - End of 4th Quarter (48 Days) /2nd Semester (95 Days)
24	25	26*	27	28	18	3	3	May 26 - Last Day of School
31						1		May 31 - Memorial Day (No School)
					1111	190	177	

2020-2021 Atlantic CSD Testing Calendar

Calendar Legend

No School 7

All students K-12
Grades K-6
Schuler and Middle School
Schuler
ELL students

August 2020					
M	T	W	TH	F	
17	18	19	20	21	Aug. 19, 20, & 21 - Teacher In-Service
24*	25	26*	27	28	Aug. 24 - First Day of School
31					
September 2020					
	1	2*	3	4	
7	8	9*	10	11	Sept 1-11 Fast Testing
14	15	16*	17	18	Sept 14-25 NWEA Testing
21	22	23*	24	25	
28	29	30*			
October 2020					
			1	2	
5	6	7*	8	9	
12	13	14*	15	16	
19	20	21*	22	23	
26	27	28*	29	30	
November 2020					
2	3	4*	5	6	
9	10	11*	12	13	
16	17	18*	19	20	
23	24	25^	26	27	
30					
December 2020					
	1	2*	3	4	
7	8	9*	10	11	December 7-11 NWEA Testing
14	15	16*	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30	31		
January 2021					
				4	
4	5	6*	7	8	
11	12	13*	14	15	January 11-22 Fast Testing
18	19	20*	21	22	
25	26	27*	28	29	
February 2021					
1	2	3*	4	5	
8	9	10*	11	12	
15	16	17*	18	19	
22	23	24*	25	26	
March 2021					
1	2	3*	4	5	
8	9	10*	11	12	March 8-12 ELPA Testing
15	16	17*	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	
29	30	31*			
April 2021					
			1	2^	April 1-16 ISASP Testing
5	6	7*	8	9	
12	13	14*	15	16	
19	20	21*	22	23	
26	27	28*	29	30	April 26-30 NWEA Testing
May 2021					
3	4	5*	6	7	May 3-14 Fast Testing
10	11	12*	13	14	
17	18	19*	20	21	
24	25	26*	27	28	
31					

**ATLANTIC COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
2019-20**

2019-20 General Fund Revenue

	Amount	%
Property Tax	\$4,512,077	27.33%
Income Surtax	\$631,498	3.83%
Excise Taxes	\$144,635	0.88%
State Foundation Aid	\$8,577,081	51.96%
AEA Flowthrough	\$607,396	3.68%
Misc Income	\$2,034,896	12.33%
TOTAL	\$16,507,583	100.00%

2019-20 General Fund Expenditures

	Amount	%
Salaries	\$10,758,650	65.42%
Employee Benefits	\$3,352,683	20.39%
Purchased Services	\$974,610	5.93%
Supplies	\$702,077	4.27%
Equipment/Property	\$30,125	0.18%
Miscellaneous/Other	\$20,271	0.12%
AEA Flow-through	\$607,396	3.69%
TOTAL	\$16,445,812	100.00%

General Fund 3-Year Financial Performance

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Total Revenues	\$18,518,329	\$17,976,009	\$16,507,583
Total Disbursements	\$17,218,907	\$16,828,492	\$16,445,812
Beginning Fund Balance	\$1,654,234	\$2,953,656	\$4,101,173
Ending Fund Balance	\$2,953,656	\$4,101,173	\$4,162,943
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$2,499,065	\$3,540,572	\$3,439,977
Solvency Ratio	13.94%	20.38%	21.63%
UAB Ratio	13.02%	14.24%	17.35%

Tax Rates

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
General	13.6566	10.0681	9.3967
Management	0.8811	0.6413	0.2079
Regular PPEL	0.3300	0.3300	0.3300
Voted PPEL	0.2214	0.2257	0.2378
Debt Service	0.0000	3.4582	4.0500
TOTAL	15.0891	14.7233	14.2224

Management Response - Taxes Levied

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Cash Reserve Levy - SBRC	\$821,502	\$200,000	\$0
Cash Reserve Levy - Other	\$752,791	\$0	\$0
Instructional Support	\$111,550	\$92,462	\$64,068
Management Levy	\$400,000	\$300,000	\$99,999
Regular PPEL	\$152,452	\$156,338	\$170,338
Voted PPEL	\$102,292	\$106,909	\$122,736
Debt Service	\$0	\$1,638,350	\$2,090,510
TOTAL	\$2,340,587	\$2,494,059	\$2,547,651