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FOREWORD

Education ranks among the most important enterprises in Delaware. In order to assure that the school system operates in an efficient and effective manner, timely information on students, staff, facilities and operations is required. This report provides a compilation of those data for the 1996-97 school year. Many of the data and more detailed information are published in other documents; however this represents a summary of the statistical information published by the department. The report has, in the past, served as a primary data source for state government officials, educators and others in the decision-making roles in the state.

The report is organized into eight major sections, each of which provides a summary of the data available in that area. The eight sections are as follows: (1) Summary Statistics, (2) Pupils, (3) Staff, (4) Finances, (5) Federal Programs, (6) Educational Services, (7) Facilities, and (8) Nonpublic Schools.

I hope that the reader will find this to be a useful reference document which provides the statistical information required.



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Secretary of Education

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DEFINITIONS

Assessed Valuation - The value of real estate for purposes of taxation as determined by an assessor.

Average Daily Attendance (ADA) - For a given school year, the average daily attendance of a school is the sum of days present of all pupils when the school was in session divided by the total number of days the school was in session.

Average Daily Membership (ADM) - For a given school year, the average daily membership of a school is the sum of days present and absent of all pupils when the school was in session divided by the total number of days the school was in session.

Bonded School Debt - The part of the school district debt which is covered by outstanding bonds of the district.

Capital Outlay - An expenditure which results in the acquisition of fixed assets or additions to fixed assets, including land, existing buildings, improvement of grounds, construction of buildings, additions to buildings, remodeling of buildings, initial equipment, or additional equipment.

Classroom Teacher - A staff member assigned the professional activities of instructing pupils in classroom situations for which daily pupil attendance figures for the school system are kept.

Combined Tax Rates - The combination of both real estate and capitation taxes (converted into equivalent real estate tax rates) based upon assessed and full value of real estate.

Community Services - Expenditures for programs other than the regular day school, including evening programs and summer programs.

Current Expenses - Any expenditure except for capital outlay and debt service. Staff categories included in the Current Expense tables are:

Instruction:	Teachers, Instructional Aides
Support Services: Students	Guidance Counselors, Psychologists, Therapists, Nurses
Support Services: Instructional Staff	Directors of Instruction, Supervisors of Instruction, Librarians
Support Services: General Administration	Chief School Officers, Assistant Superintendents, Administrative Assistants, Clerical
Support Services: School Administration	Principals, Assistant Principals, Clerical
Support Services: Operations & Maintenance	Custodians, Maintenance Specialists
Support Services: Student Transportation	School Bus Drivers, Transportation Supervisors, Transportation Specialists, Bus Aides
Support Services: Other	Directors of Administration, Specialists/Support, Supervisors/Support, Administrative Assistants/Support, Clerical
Food Services:	Cafeteria Managers, Cafeteria Supervisors, Cafeteria Workers

Debt Service - Expenditures for the retirement of debt and expenditures for interest on debt, except principal and interest on current loans.

Diploma - A document indicating graduation of a pupil from a Delaware high school.

Division I Unit - State appropriations allocated to a school district on a unit enrollment formula which are designated for the purpose of paying the employees of the various school districts of the state in accordance with the state supported salary schedules.

Division II Unit - State appropriations allocated to a school district on a unit enrollment formula which are designated for all other school costs, except those for debt service and the transportation of pupils.

Division III Unit - State appropriations allocated to a school district based on a tax effort formula which is designated to equalize revenue receipts among school districts.

Document of Secondary Attainment - A document awarded by the Delaware State Board of Education after satisfactory completion of the requirements of the General Education Development Testing Program (GED) to serve as sufficient evidence of levels of secondary educational attainment as revealed through these tests for purposes of employment, licensing, military service requirements and admission to post-high school educational institutions.

Enrollment September 30 - Delaware law requires a total enrollment report for each school district as of September 30. This enrollment count is used as a basis for calculation of units of pupils for school funding purposes.

Equalized Assessment - A tax assessment figure based upon full property value, rather than upon the assessed property value.

Fiscal Effort - A measure of relative tax effort among school districts in the state. Higher tax rates indicate greater tax efforts.

FTE Staff - Derived by dividing the amount of time a person is employed by the time normally required for a corresponding full-time position.

FTE Student - Derived by formula to aggregate full-time students and part-time special education students for unit computation.

Full Valuation - The true or market value of real estate.

In-grade Retention - An in-grade retention occurs when a pupil enrolled in a given grade at the close of the current school year is enrolled in that same grade the following September. Pupils promoted after satisfactory completion of summer school and/or other remediation during the summer are not counted as retainees. Pupils enrolled in transitional (e.g., developmental, pre-first, readiness) programs for the current school year and who are enrolled in the same regular grade the following September are included as retainees.

Instructional Support - An assignment to a staff member who has expertise in a specialized field to provide information and guidance to other staff members to improve the curriculum.

Nonrevenue Receipts - Receipts which accrue to the district as the result of incurring an obligation which must be met at a future date or reducing the value of school properties through the exchange of a property asset into a cash asset. Money obtained from the sale of bonds or school property would be classified as a nonrevenue receipt.

Official/Administrative - A grouping of assignments comprising the various skill levels required to perform management activities.

Per Capita Tax - A tax of a stated amount, applicable equally on taxable persons within a school district.

Professional - Other - A grouping of assignments requiring a high degree of knowledge and skills acquired through at least a Baccalaureate Degree (or its equivalent obtained through special study and/or experience) but not requiring skills in the field of education.

Property Tax - A tax levied on real estate, at a rate per \$100, on the assessed valuation of such property within the school district.

Record of Performance - A document granted to students who have completed at least twelve years of school beyond kindergarten and who have been enrolled in a Delaware public school at least one year prior to the granting of the record. The record lists the credits earned and the minimal performance requirements met by the students.

Revenue Receipts - Receipts which produce additions to assets without increasing school indebtedness and without reducing the value or depleting school property. Money from taxes and tuition are examples of revenue receipts.

Salary - Average salary is the arithmetic mean of teacher salaries, state and local funds only. Beginning, middle, and top salaries are scheduled steps for teachers with a Bachelor's Degree and no experience, a Master's Degree and thirteen years experience, and a Master's Degree plus thirty credits with maximum years experience.

Skilled and Service Worker - A grouping of assignments such as secretarial, technician, cafeteria, and custodial worker which requires a varying level of skills.

Special Class for exceptional (handicapped) children for whom a program of special education is provided.

The definitions for the types of certification issued in each category in the STAFF tables in this report are given in the report, *Educational Personnel in Delaware Public Schools*, published by the Department of Education

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ACRONYMS

ADA	Average Daily Attendance	FT	Full-time	MR	Mental Retardation
ADM	Average Daily Membership	FTE	Full-time Equivalent	PI	Physically Impaired
AUT	Autistic	GED	General Education Development	PL	Public Law
BL	Blind	HDC	Handicapped	PS	Partially-sighted
DB	Deaf Blind	HHPD	Hard of Hearing or Partially Deaf	PT	Part-time
ECIA	Education Consolidation and Improvement Act	IASA	Improving America's Schools Act	SMH	Severely Mentally Handicapped
EMH	Educable Mentally Handicapped	ILC	Intensive Learning Center	SAT	Scholastic Achievement Test
ESOL	English to Speakers of Other Languages	LD	Learning Disability	TMH	Trainable Mentally Handicapped
		LTB	Less than Bachelor Degree	UGR	Ungraded