

# CONESTOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## 2021-2022 School Year **Annual Report**

*Inspires and Prepares Students for Life*

# CONESTOGA



## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Conestoga School District (#56) comprises approximately 198 square miles in Cass and Otoe Counties. The district is made up of the communities of Nehawka, Murray, Beaver Lake, Lake WaConDa (partial), and the surrounding rural areas. The district is organized as a PreK-12 educational program with the PreK-6 Building located in Murray and the 7-12 building located 2.5 miles west of Murray on Highway #1. Conestoga is classified as a Class III (PreK-12) district by the Nebraska Department of Education and a Class C1 school by the Nebraska School Activities Association. Conestoga is a member of the Capital Conference. Member schools include Arlington High School and Middle School, Ashland-Greenwood, Conestoga, Douglas County West High School, Fort Calhoun Community Schools, Logan View, Louisville, Syracuse High School, Raymond Central High School, and Yutan. The Conestoga School District is governed by a six-member board of education. The Board meets at the High School building in Murray the second Tuesday of the month. The meetings start at 5:00 PM, unless otherwise advertised. The 2022-2023 members of the Board of Education are: President Allison Welch, Vice-President Candace Kelley, Secretary Jeremy Stone, Treasurer Tracey Priefert, and members Seth Ahrens and Jeremy Stone. The Conestoga Public Schools Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates separately, but as an extension of the schools. The Conestoga Board of Education serves as the Foundation Trustees. The Foundation was formed for acceptance of tax-deductible donations from interested supporters of education. Since the formation of the Foundation in 1989, donations of cash and equipment have been provided as memorials and contributions. Each year the Foundation awards scholarships to graduating seniors from the Conestoga Schools to further their education.

# Conestoga Public School District

## Governing Values and Beliefs:

The mission of the Conestoga Public Schools is based upon the following values and beliefs:

- All students can learn and have special gifts
- Learning is best achieved in an atmosphere of mutual respect, caring, trust, and resiliency
- Learning is a cooperative responsibility among the home, school, community, and the learner
- Teaching and learning are both a skill and a passion
- Learning is a personalized experience

## Board of Education Goal:

By 2025, Conestoga will consistently rank as a Great school district as ranked by NDE in the AQUEST system.

## Top Strategic Initiatives 2021-2025

1. Invest in ways to increase student attendance as a district in the post pandemic era.
2. Develop individualized career activity plans for students.
3. Review and update curriculum, including advanced level courses and occupational/technology courses.
4. Develop leadership programs within extracurricular activities.

- School is in session Tuesday through Friday, with a few exceptions as displayed on the district calendar.
- Conestoga participates in the Federal School Foods program. Breakfast and lunch are available to purchase at all sites on a daily basis.
- Conestoga Preschool serves students ages 3 and 4 with and/or without disabilities living in the Conestoga School district.
- Conestoga Early Education Center is located at the elementary site and offers services to school employees and patrons of the district. Phone: 402-235-3416
- Cass County Head Start offers a satellite program at the elementary site. To contact this program, please call 402-235-2750



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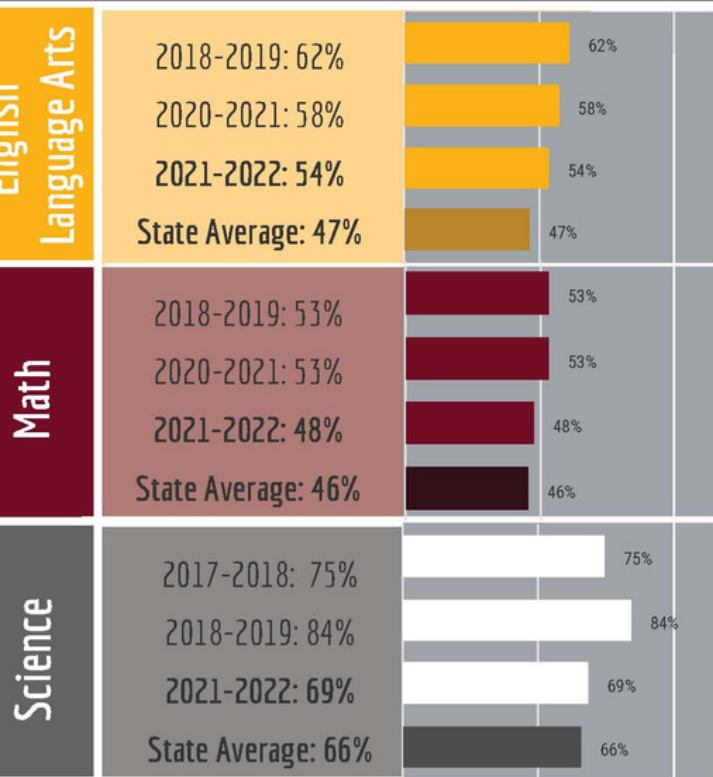
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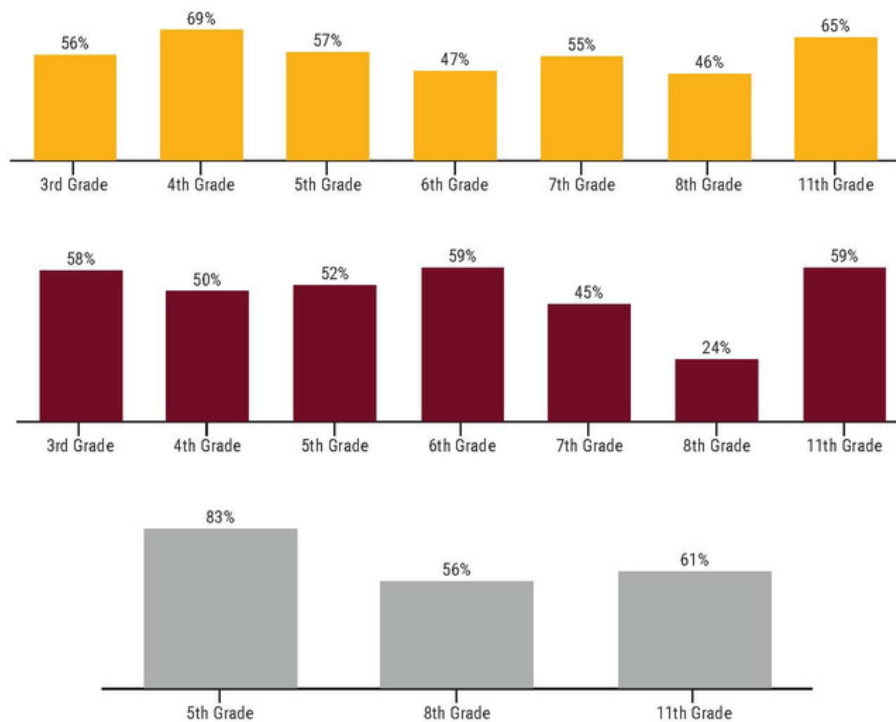
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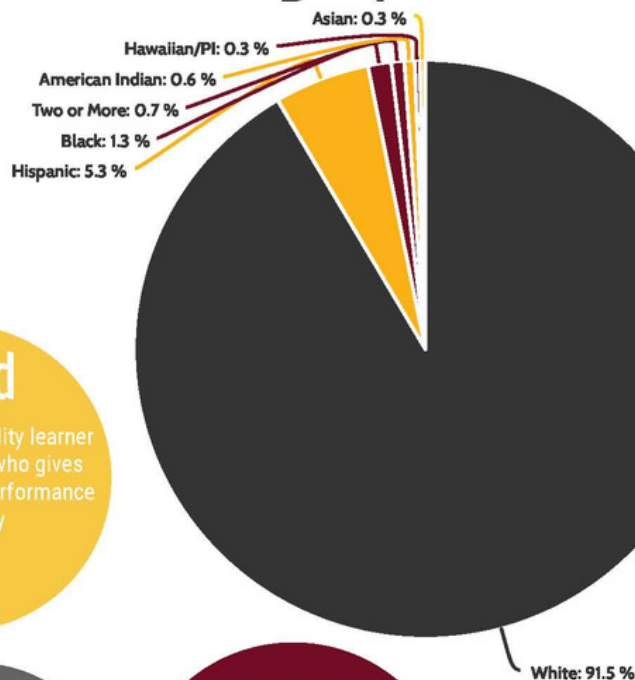
## NSCAS Combined Results 2018-2022: 3rd-8th



## NSCAS Grade Level Results 2022 % Proficient: 3rd-11th (ACT)



## Student Demographics



### Gifted

A gifted or high ability learner means a student who gives evidence of high performance capability

7%

### SPED

Student(s) receiving special education services.

15%

### FRP

Student(s) eligible for free/reduced price meals or eligible for free special milk.

27%

### Attendance Rate



### District State Classifications 2022

District - Good ★★

Conestoga High School - Great ★★★★★

Conestoga Middle School - Good ★★

Conestoga Elementary School - Great ★★★★★

### 2022 ACT Average Scores

Math

19.6

State: 17.7

ELA

19.3

State: 16.7

Science

20

State: 18.1

### College-Going Rate



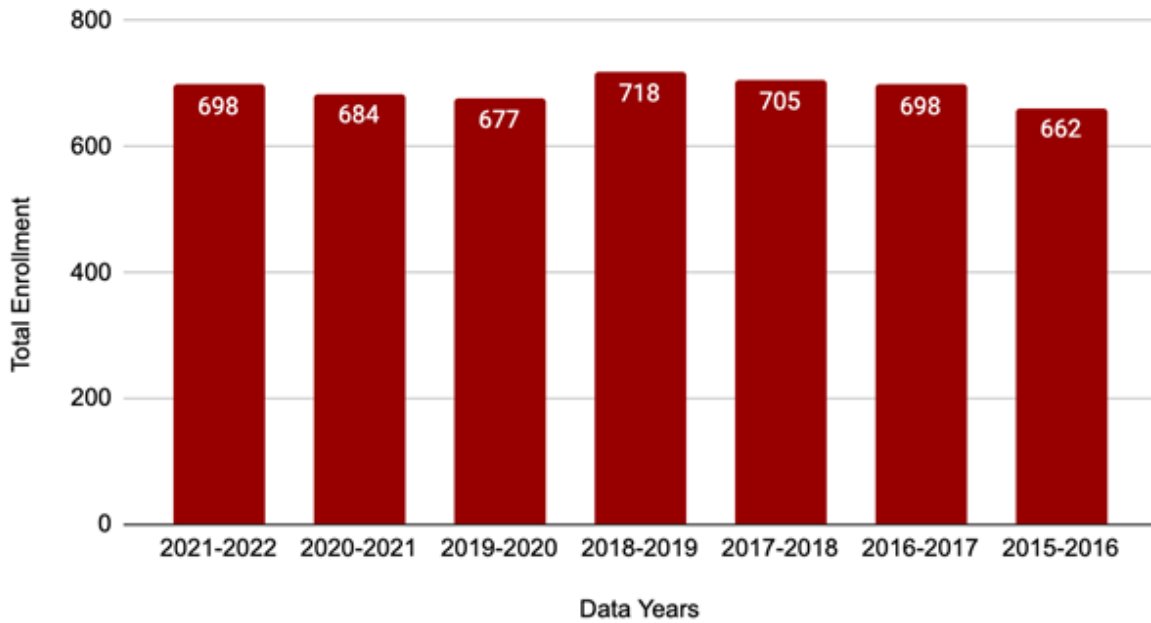
### Graduation Rate 2021-2022



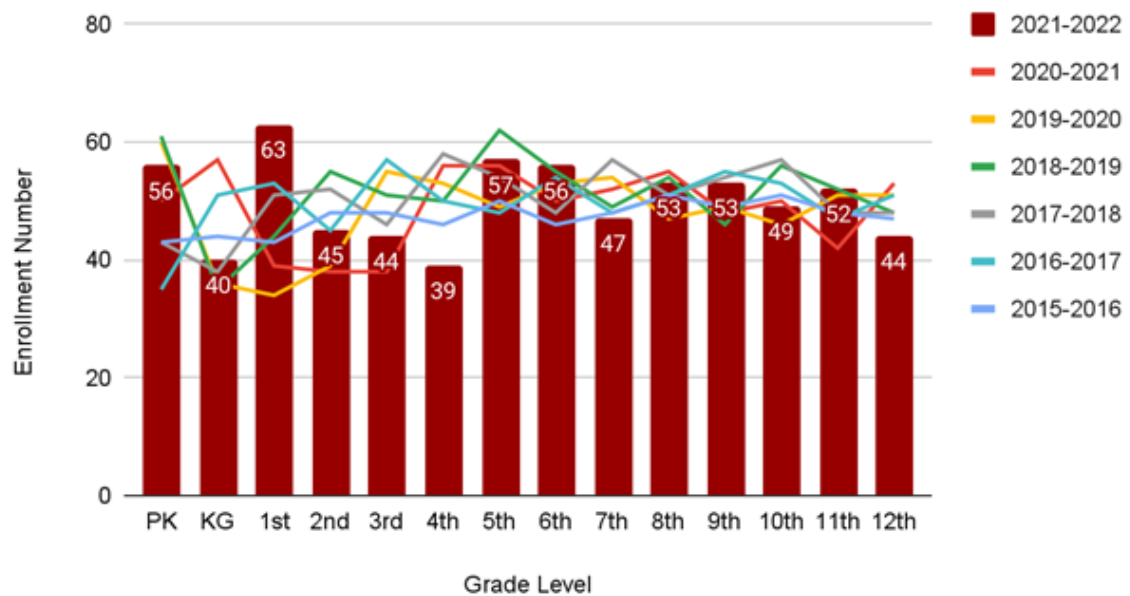


# District Demographics: Enrollment & Ethnicity

## District Student Enrollment by Year

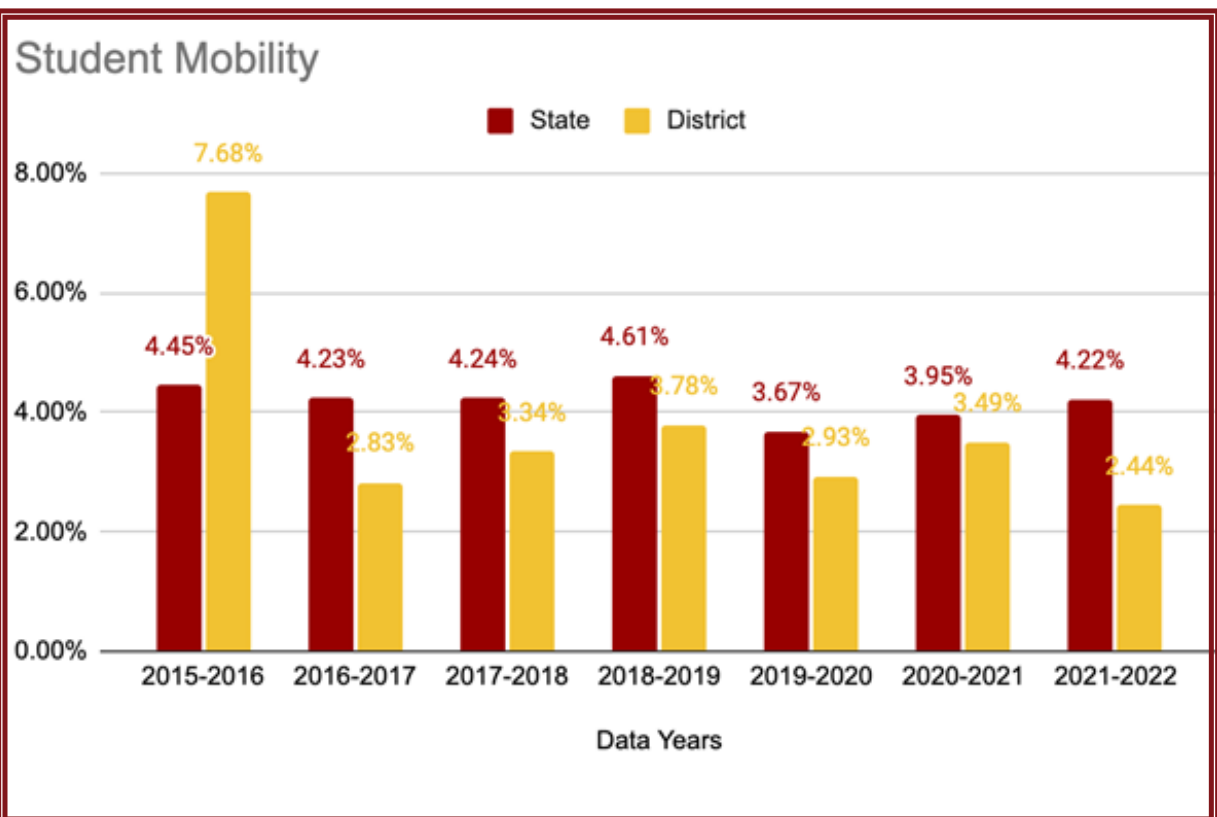
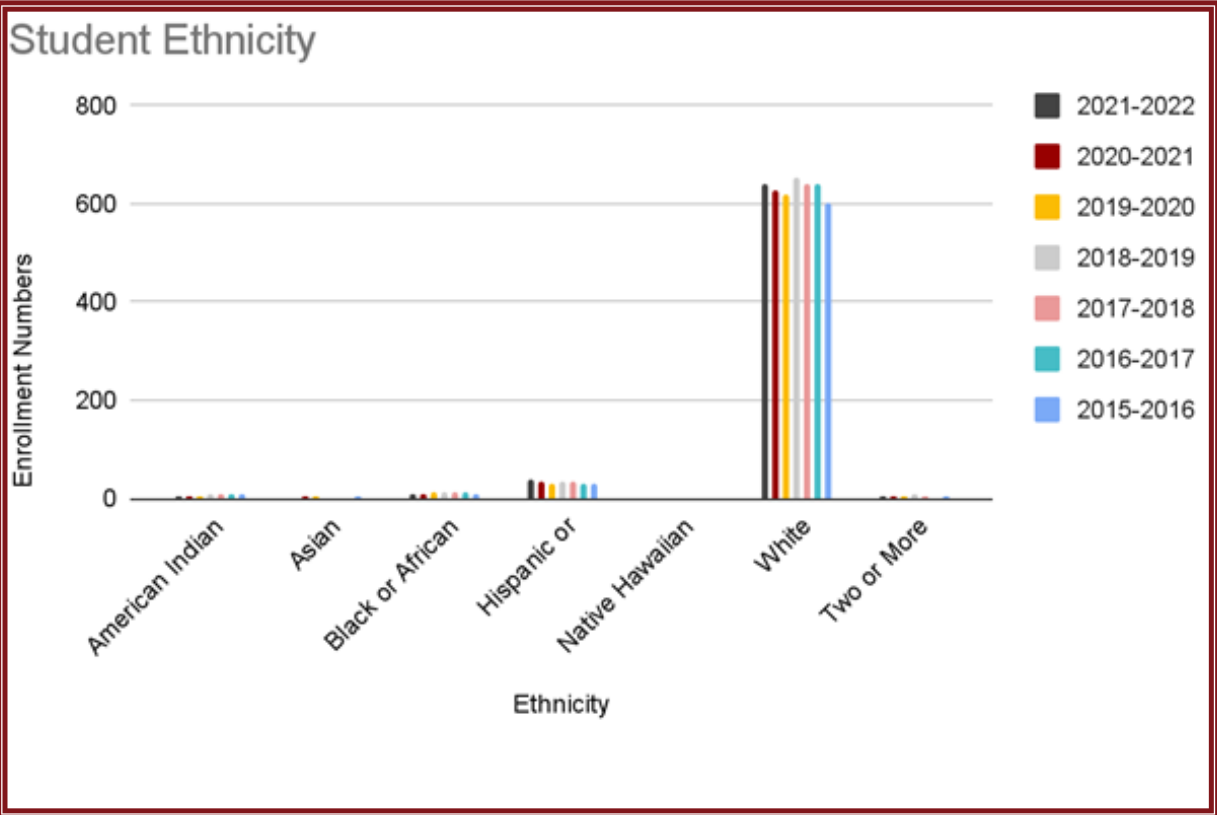


## Grade Level Enrollment





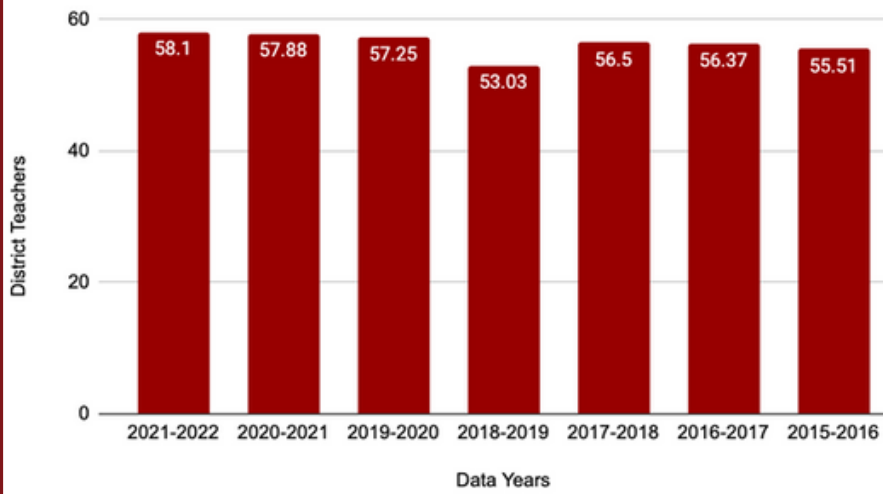
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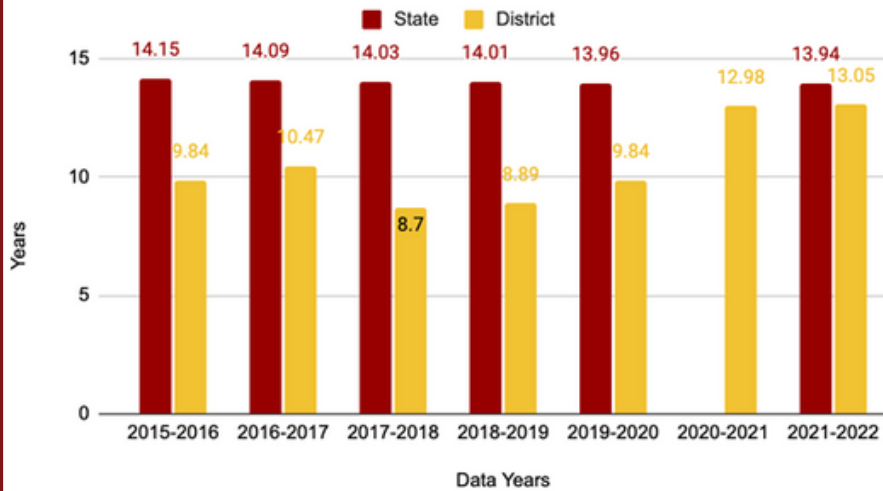


# District Demographics: Teachers

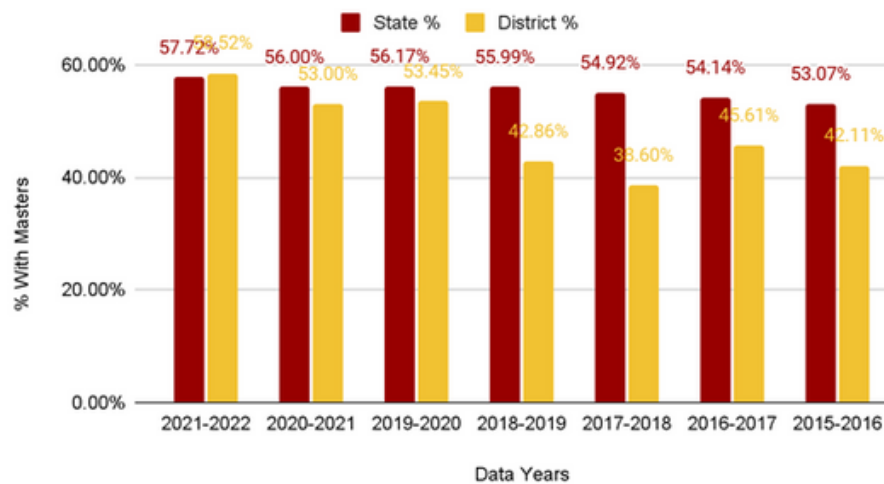
## Teachers in District



## Teaching Years Experience



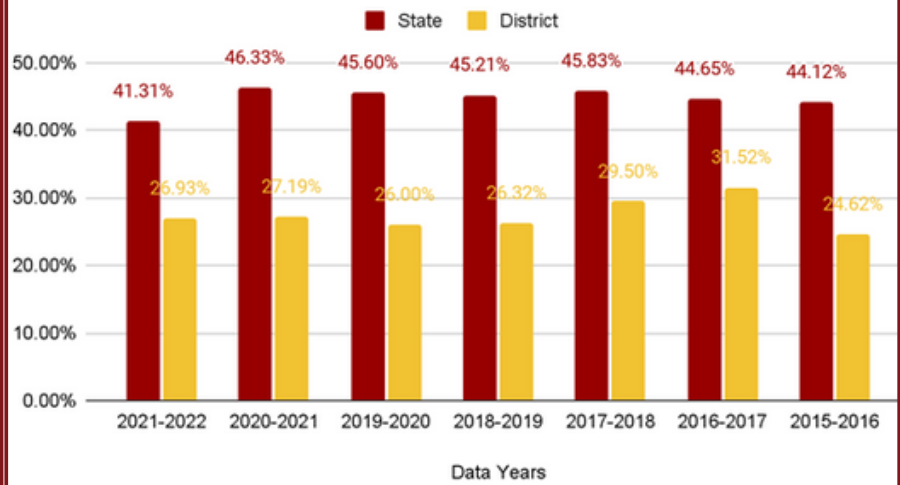
## Teachers with Masters



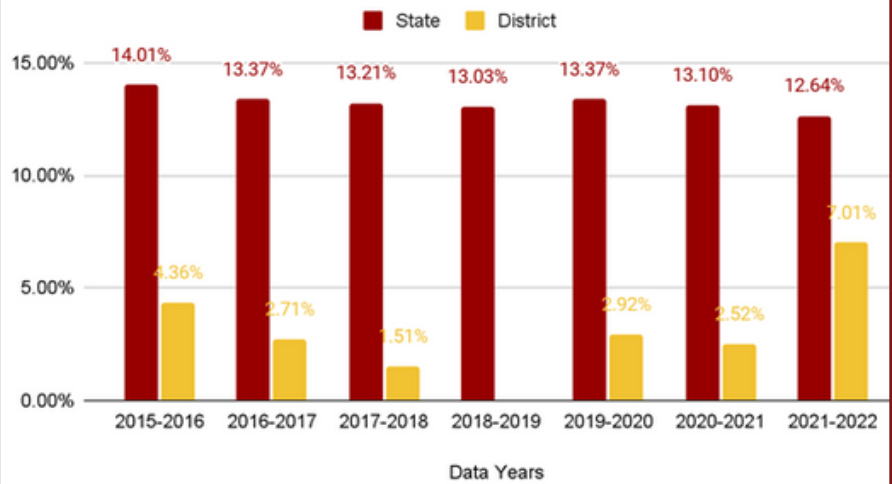


# District Demographics: Students

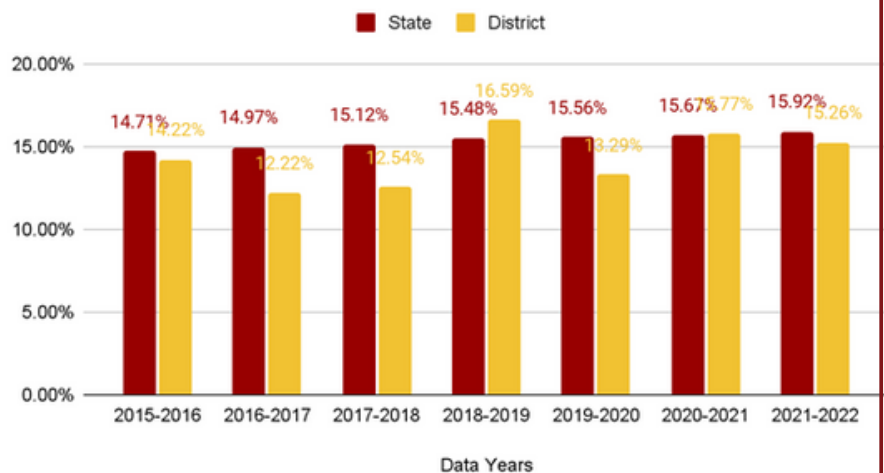
## Student Free and Reduced



## High Ability Learners Enrollment



## Special Education Enrollment

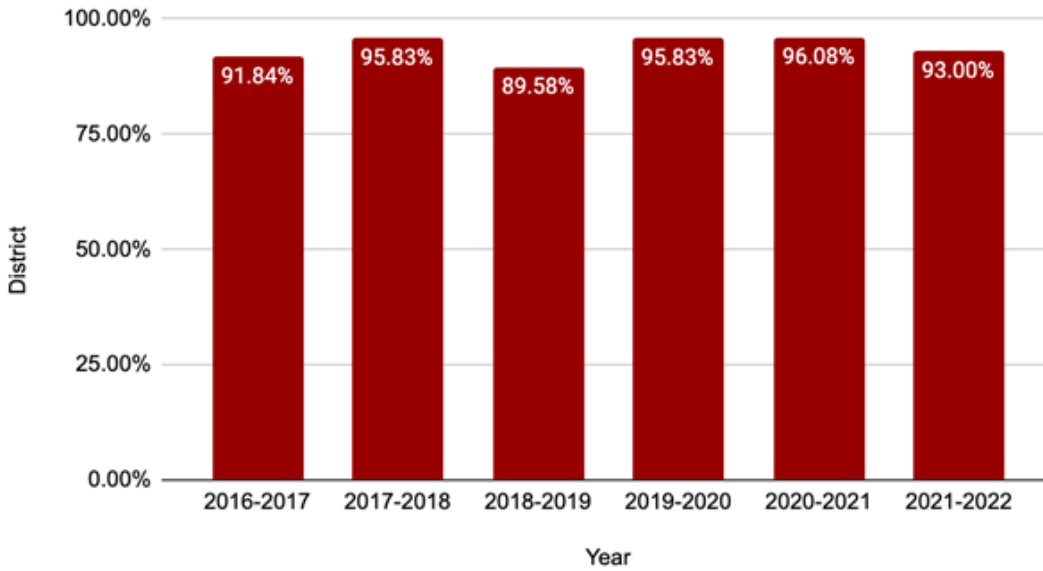




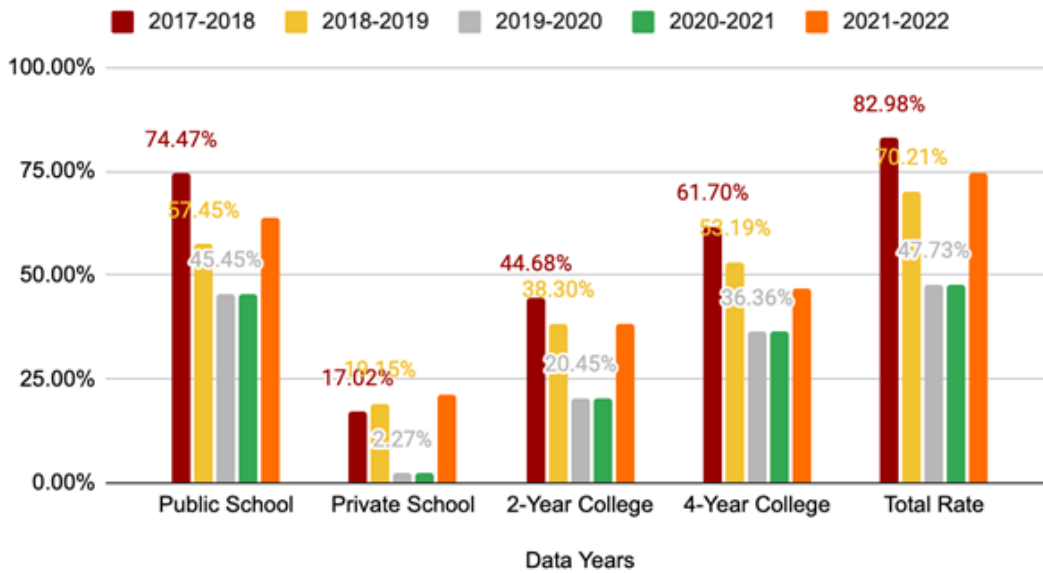


## District Demographics: Graduates

### Graduation Rate



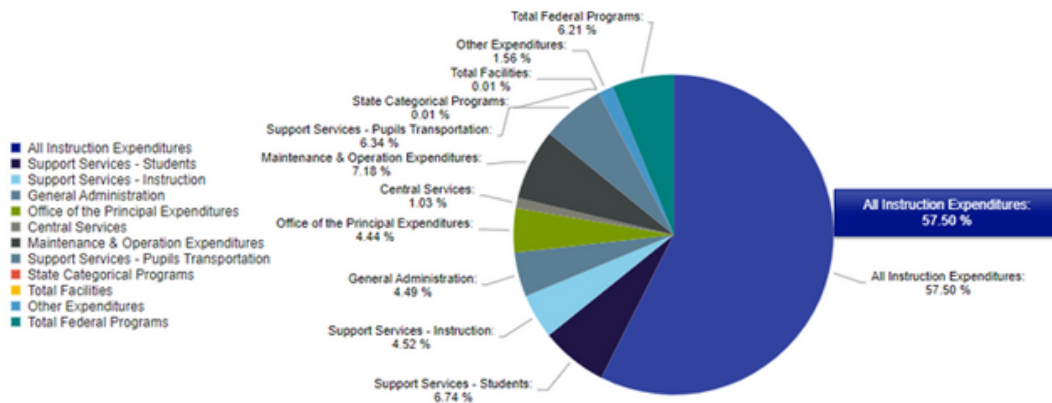
### College Bound



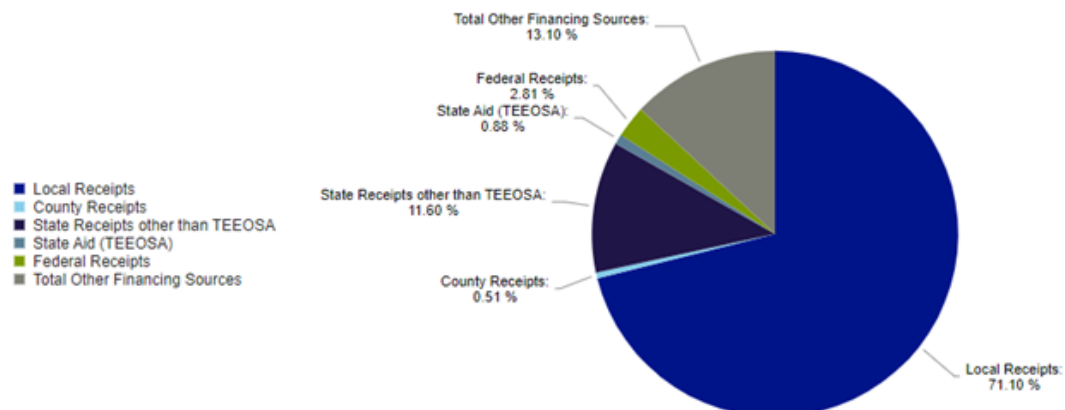


# District Demographics: Financials

Financial Expenditures for school year: 2021-2022



Financial Receipts for school year: 2021-2022



# Conestoga School District



## School Administrators:

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This publication contains information reflecting the 2021-2022 school year. The publishing of an annual report allows the Conestoga Public Schools to meet the requirements of Rule 10 category 010.01A of the Nebraska Department of Education. More importantly, it provides an opportunity to share information with the school community and others interested in Conestoga Public School. Data from school districts can be found at the Nebraska Department of Education website:

<http://www.education.ne.gov>

More information about Conestoga Public Schools can be found on the school website:

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