

East Butler Public Schools

"Where Futures Begin"



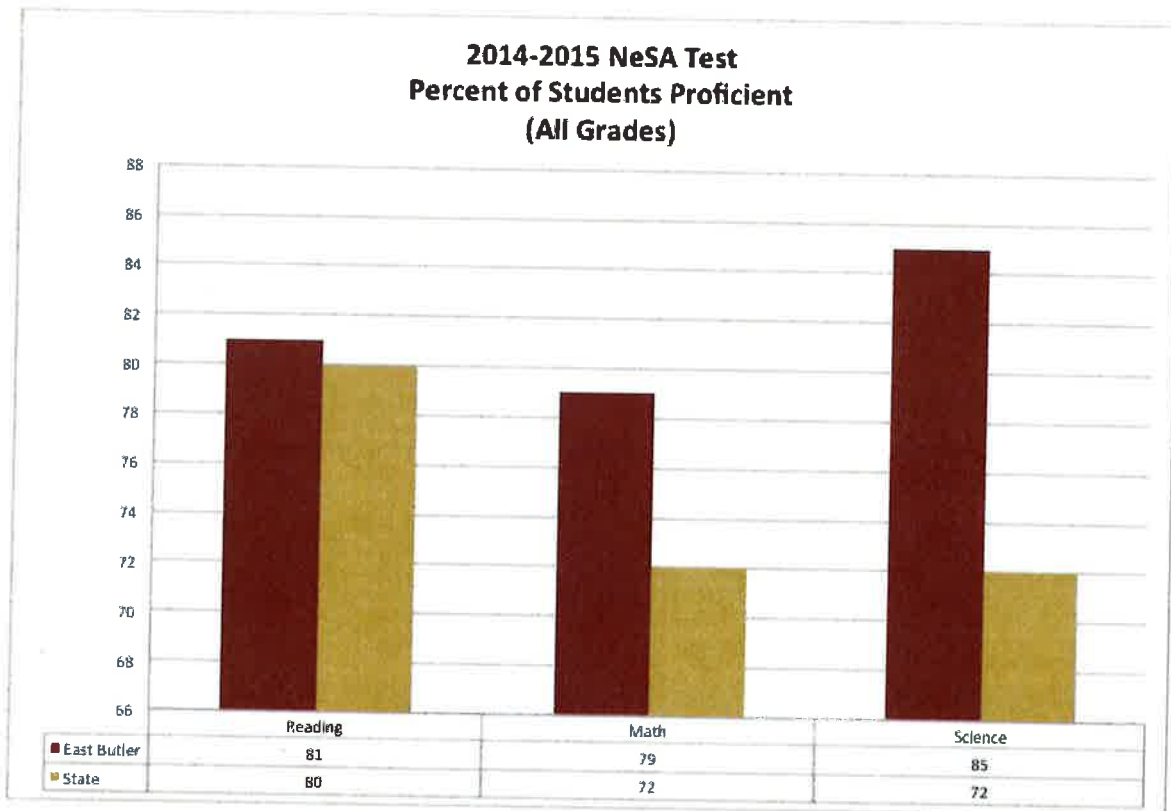
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Dear East Butler Elementary Parents:

The federal education legislation, No Child Left Behind, requires that 100% of students must be proficient in reading and math academic standards by 2014. Schools are expected to make Adequate Yearly Process (AYP) toward that goal.



The chart above shows the percentage of all East Butler students that are proficient in reading, mathematics, and science on the Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) assessments compared to the state average on the same test. As the chart reflects, East Butler is performing at or above the state level in each of the areas for 2014-2015.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that, according to the 2014-2015 state student assessment results, East Butler Elementary School in Dwight is in Year 2 of Title I Schools identified as "in need of improvement" for the 2014-2015 school year under the federal No Child Left Behind law. The school is identified in this manner because the AYP goals for proficiency in math and reading for 2 consecutive years were not attained.

East Butler Elementary-Dwight			
Student Groups	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	Performance	Performance	Performance
Reading: All Students	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met
Math: All Students	Met	Not Met	Not Met

Since East Butler Elementary Schools in Brainard and Dwight have been identified as schools in need of improvement, Public School Choice must be offered to all students who attend the identified schools. Our students do not have another choice of schools within our district and as a result do not qualify for Public School Choice. In 2015-2016, East Butler Public School-Dwight Elementary has a K-6 enrollment of 40 students with no public choice available. Additional information about how our school compared to other schools in the state is available on the State of the Schools Report on the Nebraska Department of Education website, <http://reportcard.education.ne.gov/>

This identification also requires East Butler to provide Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to eligible students (students who qualify for free and reduced lunch program). A list of SES providers that have been approved by the State Department of Education that could provide tutoring services for your child is available on the following website, <http://www.ebutlertigers.org>. Parents who choose to have their children participate in SES are asked to contact the East Butler School office at (402) 545-2081 by November 20 to enroll. A second enrollment window will be offered later in the school year. Once notice has been received, we will make enrollment arrangements as quickly as possible and will notify parents upon approval.

East Butler will continue to improve by providing ongoing training to maximize student progress by analyzing student scores. We are also encouraged by the implementation of our math series, Math Expressions. The East Butler support staff provides assistance to students receiving Special Education services and students in our Title I program. The entire staff at East Butler continues to work together to ensure a quality education for our students.

All children benefit greatly from parental involvement. Asking questions about school, having students read aloud, and setting aside a time and place for homework are only a few of the things you can do. Regular school attendance is also very important to student success. Student achievement is a partnership between school and home.

If you have questions about this information, please contact Mr. Bilstoft. Thank you for working with us to ensure success for every student.

Sincerely,



Shawn Bilstoft
 East Butler Public Schools
 Elementary Principal