



## 2018-19 Research Series for Minnesota School Districts

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The reports in the Research Series are divided into three categories: Student Information, Staff Information and Financial Information. The cost of the subscription is \$1500 for districts with an enrollment greater than 1000 students. For districts with enrollment less than 1000 students, the subscription cost is \$1/student or a minimum of \$500.

### *Student Information*

1. Residents Attending and Students Served – allows the user to enter a district number and see a matrix that presents adjusted ADM data to answer the questions, "In which Minnesota district do the district's resident students attend?" and "From which Minnesota districts do we receive nonresident students?"
2. ADM Options Research – allows the user to enter any district numbers for two districts and see the number of students who open enroll to each district from school year 2000-01 to the current year.
3. Primary Home Languages System – presents data for all school districts in the state for the languages spoken in the home of students from school year 1999-2000 to the current year.
4. Non-public School Enrollment System – presents the enrollment by grade beginning with the school years 1999-00 through the most current school year. Included in this report is a listing of all nonpublic schools in the district with enrollment by grade for the current year and a report that presents the statewide enrollment of nonpublic schools by grade since 1999-2000.
5. Special Population District Comparison – presents the enrollment for free/reduced lunch program, Limited English Programs and Special Education programs for the major district and (9) other districts.
6. SPED Costs by Service category – uses the Child Count data with the UFARS expenditures to detail the number of students and expenditures by service category.
7. Resident ADM Summary – presents the Resident ADM enrollment of the district from 2002-03 through the most recent data available; data is presented in a table and graph.
8. October Enrollment Detail- presents the fall seat count data for 10 years with percentage of ethnicity, gender, free and reduced, English Learners and Special Education.
9. Gender Ethnicity by Grade Report (Fall Enrollment Report) - presents the fall enrollment data history for a district beginning with 2000-01 by grade. The data and graphs present the enrollment change by year and the enrollment change attributed to graduation.

10. Enrollment Detail Report - presents the Resident, Charter, Options, and Tuitions enrollments by grade beginning in school year 2002-03 in a table and graph format.
11. Fall Data Enrollment Options Report – uses the October 1 Seat count to show the top 8 ranked districts to which resident students open enrolled the previous year and the top 8 districts from which non residents open enrolled for the selected district.

#### *Staff Information*

12. Staff Salary System - presents the salaries data for all MN districts in (5) categories from 2007-08 through the most current data available. These categories are: Superintendent, H.S. Principal, Middle School Principal, Elementary Principal and Teacher.
13. Staff Salary, Training and Experience - provides a comparison of the number of licensed staff members, average training, experience and salaries for (10) school districts for the most current year available. Also included in this report is the staff detail for the major district selected and a district matrix that presents staff placement on a salary schedule.
14. Non-Licensed Staff School - presents the non-licensed staffing by category in every MN school district for the most recent 6 years of data available. The system includes all data for every district in the state so the user can select any comparison districts that are desired, and a 6-year trend report for the major district listed that analyzes the changes that have occurred in non-licensed staff.
15. Staffing by Assignment - presents a comparison report of district staffing by assignment for any 10 districts in the state as well as the history of one district for the school years beginning with 2008-09.
16. Staffing by Subject - presents the number of teachers that each district selected employed in the most recent school year for which data is available. An understanding of this file reveals the emphasis of each district in the subject area.
17. Teacher by Subject by District - presents the data on the number of teachers in MN school districts in the (17) areas of assignment. A comparison report allows the user to select 10 district numbers for comparisons for the current year; and a trend report presents this information for the major district selected for school years beginning in 2007-08.

#### *Financial Information*

18. Building Age System - allows a user to enter any public district number and see the data in comparison to other districts or size categories. A trend report and facilities report present the history of this information for the major district selected.
19. Food Service Report - allows the user to examine the costs and specifics of the food services program in a district with other MN districts.
20. Bond Election History System – presents the history of bond elections for districts from 2006-2017.
21. Referendum Authority and Election Research – presents the referendum authority for school districts and election results for elections through the most current year available.
22. Revenue History and Forecast – presents recent history and projections of general fund state aid and levy revenues, following the conclusion of the last legislative session.
23. Transportation Report - presents a summary of transportation costs. This data is drawn from files posted on the MDE Site/Program Finance/Transportation Resources and on files secured from the MDE Transportation files and the UFARS data files.
24. UFARS Object Code Research – allows the user to analyze the expenditures of the school district by any object code for the most current year available.

25. UFARS Program Code Research - allows the user to complete a comparison of any program code for any 10 school districts.
26. UFARS Benefits Expenditure Review – uses the UFARS expenditures for the most current year available to present a comparison of employee benefits for 10 districts.
27. General Ledger Comparison Report - presents the beginning, ending and change in account balance for the account and districts selected, the account balance as a percentage of total expenditures, and account balance per ADM. The comparison features allow the user to compare any accounts between the selected districts.
28. General Ledger Trend Report – presents the beginning, ending and change in account balance for 10 districts for the most recent 5 years of data. A district report presents this data for the selected district.
29. Profiles Expenditure Comparison - This report uses the most recent Profiles data to provide the easy comparison of expenditure data between school districts and between groups of districts of different sizes.
30. Profiles Revenue Comparison – This report uses the most recent Profiles data to provide revenue comparisons between school districts and groups of districts of different sizes.
31. Profiles Expenditure Trend – this file presents the district expenditure trend from 2007-08 through the most current year available.
32. Profiles Revenue Trend – this file presents the district revenue trend from 2007-08 through the most current year available.
33. Special Education Cross Subsidy Calculation – presents a comparison of special education cross subsidies for school districts.
34. Special Education Cross Subsidy Trend – presents the most recent data for comparison of 10 districts.
35. Annual Debt Service System – provides a comparison of long term voter approved debt for 10 school districts for the most current year of data available.
36. General Fund Spending Variance Trend– presents district expenditures, end of year fund balance and % of end of year balance for 10 years.
37. Profiles Property Tax System – This report system uses the Profiles data collected and published by the Minnesota Department of Education and allows the user to enter any district number and see the most recent data in comparison to 9 other districts.
38. Property Tax Percentages Report – presents ten district comparisons of the percentage share of property taxes for school, county, city and state.
39. Compensatory Revenue Trend– presents a summary of compensatory revenue generated by school for a selected school district and trend information of the Free & Reduced populations enrolled on October 1<sup>st</sup> of a school year. The prior year fall enrollment is used to calculate current year compensatory revenue, i.e., Fall 2016 is used to calculate Fiscal Year 2018 compensatory revenue.
40. Key Data Report – presents a one-page summary of the operations of the school district.