



2007-08 Research Series for Minnesota School Districts

One goal of SchoolFinances.com is to support data driven decision making in schools. In an effort to better support the information needs of school managers, we provide a comprehensive set of reports under the service of the 2007-08 Research Series.

These management reports will provide information and systems to users about their school districts and how their district compares to other MN school districts. Many of the reports included in the Research Series are systems, which allow the district user to make comparisons with any districts in the state of Minnesota by entering the district numbers for which comparisons are desired. Districts that subscribe will receive a user name and password and will access these reports from SchoolFinances.com website.

The reports to be included in 2007-08 Research Series are listed below with a brief description. We believe these reports are essential for information management. The cost of the subscription service is \$1250. The reports will be prepared with the most current data for districts that subscribe to this service, and updated as new data becomes available.

1. FY 99-06 Enrollment Detail Report - This report presents the end-of-year Average Daily Membership for Resident, Options, Charter and Tuition enrollment for years 98-99 through the most current data available for 2005-06. The report presents the breakdown of the various enrollment types with tables and graphs of information.
2. Languages Report System - Each year the MDE collects and publishes data on the home languages of students enrolled in MN public schools. SchoolFinances.Com downloads this data and places it in a report that presents these data by home language over the past 10 years. The system contains data for all school districts in the state so by changing the district number on the "Manager" worksheet, school districts users can easily do research.
3. Special Populations System - The report system presents the enrollment for free/reduced lunch program, Limited English Programs, and Special Education programs in the district for the last (9) years. The Comparison report contrasts the district enrollment for free/reduced lunch program, Limited English Programs and Special Education Programs in the last 9 years with the data for the districts that are selected for comparison. The system contains data for all school districts in the state so by changing the district number on the "Manager" worksheet, school districts users can easily do research and comparisons. .
4. Gender Ethnicity by Grade Report (Fall Enrollment Report) - This is a (24) page report that presents the fall enrollment data history for a district beginning with 1998-98 gender by grade. The data and graphs present the enrollment change by year and the enrollment change attributed to graduation.
5. Child Count System - This report indicates the number of students in a district that are being served in any of the (15) categories that are defined for Special Education services. This data is for the enrollment age 0-21 in a district and it distinguishes between students being served in different age groups. In the Trend report the number of students being served is divided by the total district enrollment to get the percent of the enrollment being served for a more accurate presentation of the trend in each area of special student services. The comparison component shows the percentage of students being served in each category for the comparison districts.
6. District Mobility System - Mobility refers to the enrollment stability of a district. This report includes the number of student transfers into, out of, and within a school district for every year since 1992-93. The report includes graphs of this data by year and a computation of the district mobility index to

enhance understanding of this information. All district data is included so that comparison districts can be selected as desired by the user.

7. District Dropout Report System - Dropout data is maintained for students after they reach 7th grade. The district report presents the trend of the district dropouts for every year since 1989-90. The data is reported and graphed by gender and ethnicity. A dropout index is computed and explained in the report to understand the district trend for student dropouts. All district data is included so that comparison districts can be selected as desired by the user.
8. District Graduates Report - The graduates of a district are presented by gender and ethnicity. These data are presented for the school years 1990-91 through 2006-07. Graphs are included to understand the trends. All district data is included so that comparison districts can be selected as desired by the user.
9. District Attendance System- The attendance percentages by grade are listed for a district for the years 1993-94 through 2006-07. This information is presented in table and graph format for each grade to track the changing trends in attendance percentages. The data for all public schools is included so any comparison districts can be selected as desired.
10. Non-Public School Enrollments Report - This report records the attendance in the non-public schools within the boundaries of a school district. This enrollment may be from any school district and should not be interpreted as the district of residence enrollment in the non-public school. The data presented is the enrollment by grade beginning with school years 1989-90. This data is presented in table and graphic format.
11. Licensed Staffing System: - This report presents the licensed staffing by category in every MN school district going back to 1997-98. The system includes all data for every district in the state so the user can select any comparison districts that are desired. To neutralize the difference in district size the graphs are the district's adjusted ADM for the staffing categories.
12. Non-Licensed Staffing System - This report presents the non-licensed staffing by category in every MN school district going back to 1997-98. The system includes all data for every district in the state so the user can select any comparison districts that are desired. To neutralize the difference in district size the graphs will present the district's adjusted ADM for the staffing categories.
13. Profiles Expenditures Comparison Report System for 05-06 - With this profiles system a user can enter any school district number (up to 10) and immediately see the dynamic report on the Manager worksheet. Users also enter the category number of the area desired to review. A more complete report with several graphs is on the Report Worksheet for the first district entered.
14. Resident Attendance ADM System for 05-06. This system allows the user to enter a district number and immediately see a matrix that presents data to answer the question, "In which Minnesota district do the district's resident students attend?" The matrix is by grade and is the Adjusted ADM for the 2005-06 school year. The user can enter any MN district number to understand the dynamics of students attending in other MN districts.
15. Student Served ADM System for 05-06. This system allows the user to enter a district number and immediately see a matrix that presents data that answers the question, "From which Minnesota districts do we receive nonresident students?" The matrix is by grade and is the Adjusted ADM for the 2005-06 school year. The user can enter any MN district number to understand the dynamics of students attending in other MN districts.
16. Revenues Special System - system which allows a user to examine the funding changes for all school districts for the years 1996 - 2009.

17. Building Age and Square Foot System: This system allows a User to enter any public district number and see the 2007 data in comparison to other districts or size categories. The first district entered has their data displayed on the District and District Facilities Worksheets.
18. Dropout and Graduation Rates for Special Populations – this system presents the dropout and graduation rates for the special district populations of LEP, Special Ed., and Free/Reduced price lunch. And they included data by ethnicity for all school districts.
19. Employee Insurances Cost System - system that allows the user to examine the Object Code 220 (Employee Insurances) Expenditures in your district versus any other district.
20. Salary System – a system that presents the salaries data for all MN districts in (8) categories. These categories are: Superintendent, H.S. Principal, Middle S. Principal, Elementary Principal, Teacher – Average Salary, Beginning B.A. Teacher, Highest B.A. Teacher, and Highest M.A. Teacher.
21. T & E analysis by District - a system that allows a district to examine the Training and Experience of their staff versus other districts.
22. Referendum Allowances 2002 through 2019 – system that allows districts to compare the current 2002-2018 Referendum authority per RMCPU between school districts.