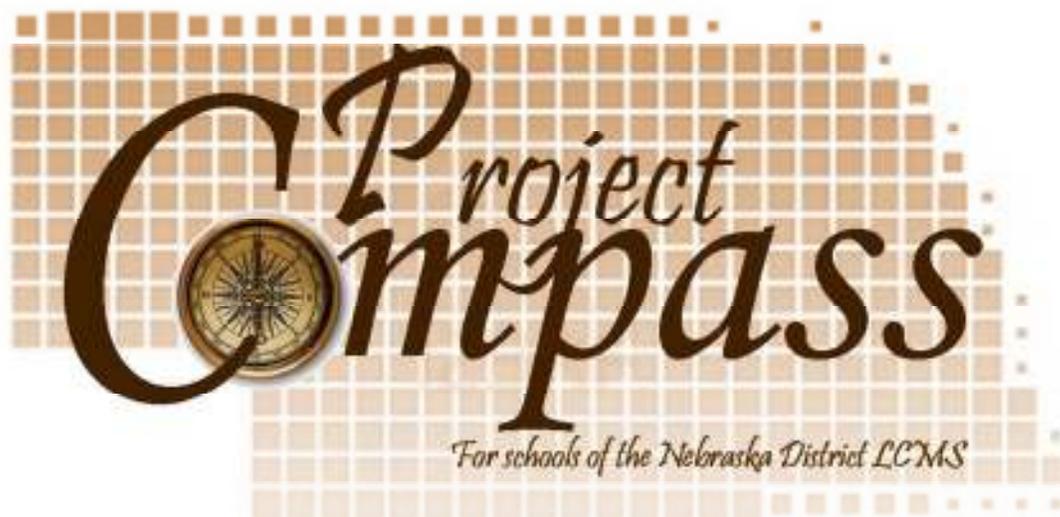


Financial Support for Project Compass



There are costs associated with all areas of Project Compass. Because we know that not every school can afford these expenses, assistance is available through the Nebraska District Office. Thanks to a generous grant from the Dunklau Foundation, schools can receive assistance when participating in the following areas of Project Compass.

Concordia Curriculum Guide

The curriculum guide cost is dependent on how many grades are served at your school. There is a guide for the administrator as well as a guide for each grade for the following subjects: Social Studies, Science Health, Language Arts, Math, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Physical Education. A set of all subjects for one grade level is \$80. If you purchase all subjects for grades 1-8, the total is \$640. The administrator guide is an additional \$10.

To order, visit <http://www.cph.org/c-174-concordia-curriculum-guide.aspx?REName=Education&plk=748>

Schools are asked to purchase the curriculum guide and then submit a copy of the invoice to Candi Menze at the District Office. Participating schools will be reimbursed for ½ the cost of their purchase.

Average Annual Cost for your school: \$325 (Note this is a one-time expense)

Atlas Rubicon Curriculum Mapping

Atlas Rubicon offers their curriculum mapping system to schools at a per student cost. For the first year, the cost is \$4.65 per student. Each following year, the cost is \$3 per student. Atlas Rubicon sends one bill to the District Office for all participating schools. The schools are billed their share by the District Office.

Participating schools will pay \$2 per student. The District will pay the balance of \$2.65 per student for the first year and \$1 per student in the following years.

Average Annual Cost for your school: \$2 per student

National Lutheran School Accreditation

NLSA recently adjusted their system and operate on a 5-year cycle. When a school applies for accreditation, there is an application fee of \$350. During accreditation, schools are also responsible for the costs associated with a visiting team (travel, mileage, hotel, sub costs, etc.) Schools must reapply at the end of each 5-year cycle.

Schools that need assistance are asked to contact Don Weber at the District Office. The District Office will pay half of the application fee for new applicants. Along with the Project Compass Grant, a collection was taken at the 2012 Educators' Conference and a portion of the offering was designated to assist with NLSA expenses.

Average Annual Cost for your school: \$175 for initial application and \$350 annually once accredited (plus visiting team expenses)

Northwest Evaluation Association Testing

NWEA offers interactive testing for student achievement. Basic testing includes Math, Reading, & Language Arts. Testing for Science can be added as an option. The cost for basic testing is \$12.50 per student. Two science tests can be added for \$2.50 per student. NWEA sends one bill to the District Office for all participating schools. The schools are billed their share by the District Office. By participating in the Nebraska District consortium, schools receive a discount, but are charged a small, 2% administrative fee.

NWEA's testing will replace any current testing system that your school is using. Because schools already include money in their budget for testing, there is no financial assistance from the District Office.

Average Annual Cost for your school: \$15 per student