



Features of the Research Series

The Research Series is a subscription service that provides school districts with a variety of report and systems that present student, staff and financial data for school districts.

SchoolFinances.Com uses data submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education by school. The Research Series uses this data in user-friendly reports and systems so that school districts can easily access this information. All of the reports and systems are programmed in Microsoft Excel. The Research Series contains Reports and Systems, which are defined as:

A REPORT presents information on a specific topic. Enrollment History is an example. A report may allow a user to modify report parameters but the report does not contain data for multiple school districts.

A SYSTEM presents information for all MN school districts. A system will allow the user to change the school district(s) being examined as well as the parameters of the information being placed in table and graphic format.

The Research Series Reports and Systems generally fall into three categories. Student information collected through MARSS. Staff information collected through STARS. Financial information collected through UFARS.

MARSS information includes: Fall Enrollment history, End of Year ADM history, Attendance, Graduates, Mobility, Residents attending elsewhere, Non-Residents being served, Non-Public enrollments, student home languages, special student population counts, and the students being served in special education programs by disability and instructional setting.

STARS information includes: Licensed Staffing system, non licensed staffing, salary analysis system, staffing by assignment, staffing by subject and staff training and experience.

UFARS information includes: Prior year expenditure review, expenditure research, Profiles expenditure comparisons and Profiles trends system, and revenues history.

Other information developed into systems and made available to subscribers is; Building Age, Referendum history and Election research, transportation review, Food service system. We also prepare special reports and systems using data published on the MDE website.

SchoolFinances.Com provides superior customer service for the Research Series and conducts training sessions to facilitate understanding and use of these reports and systems.

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