

NRCSA (Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association), is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of rural schools and communities. Since 1981, NRCSA has been committed to protecting the well-being of public education and implementing its mission of providing quality education for all children. At their Annual Spring Conference, Southern received a plaque and \$1000 stipend for closing the achievement gap in Math, Science and Reading for 2016-17. Southern, Homer Community Schools, and Neligh-Oakdale Schools were the only NRCSA schools to receive this award this year. There are 195 member schools and Educational Service Units in the NRCSA membership. Southern received an award in 2015-16 for closing the achievement gap in Math.

