

# Welcome to Meade School District

Meade School District is committed to providing a challenging educational experience for all its students. With a student population of 2,687, it ranks 11th in K-12 enrollment among the 151 public school districts in South Dakota and first in area, encompassing 3,100 square miles.

Pupil-teacher ratios are 13.1 students per teacher in K-8, 10.1 students per teacher in rural K-8, and 14.1 students per teacher in grades 9-12.

Meade School District is accredited by AdvancED. This districtwide accreditation, the first in South Dakota, occurred in the Spring of 2007 with reaccreditation in 2012, which means Meade School District and all its schools meet the high standards for a quality school system. Meade School District is also accredited by the South Dakota Department of Education

This accreditation also means Meade School District engages in a continuous process of educational improvement, and has effective and efficient quality assurance controls.

Results of the Smarter Balanced Assessment, the new test aligned to the Common Core State Standards in math and English language arts, and which was administered last spring, show that Meade District students tested above the state average with more reaching level 3, considered proficient, and level 4, advanced.

The percent of all Meade District students in grades three through eight and grade 11 who scored at levels 3 or 4 in math was 44.22 percent; state average was 41.29 percent; in English language arts, 53.69 percent compared to statewide of 49.48 percent.

Students in grades 3-8 and 11 also took the science test using the state's previous assessment - the South Dakota State Test of Educational Progress (Dakota STEP). Those results show that 79.85 percent of Meade District students are proficient and advanced in science compared to 71.54 percent of the students statewide.

The assessment results are just one piece of data included in the 2015 Report Card and just one part of the School Performance Index for the district.

## Commitment to Technology

Meade School Board believes that computer and internet literacy is essential for success in both the job market and higher education. Therefore, the board provides students with all the tools they need to be successful which includes devices to access and explore the Internet.

Given the new environment of increased emphasis on Internet research and the resources available on the internet, the school board decided it was time to move to a 1:1 system where each student would be provided with an internet-accessing device that could be used all day, every day for class.

The first step in this direction was the purchase of iPads for use at the fourth grade level in Sturgis,

Piedmont and Whitewood, and all grades at Elm Springs during the 2013-14 school year.

This program was expanded for the 2014-15 school year by adding fifth grade at Sturgis, Piedmont and Whitewood, all students at Opal and third through fifth grades at the Enning School.

It was also during the 2014-15 school year that a 1:1 program was rolled out at Sturgis Brown High School where each staff member and student received an Apple MacBook Air laptop.

The 2015-16 school year saw the 1:1 laptop initiative with MacBook Air laptops expand to Sturgis Williams Middle School and all other sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and staff throughout the school district.

**“To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow”**

# Facts about Meade School District

## Fall Enrollment for 2015-16

Piedmont Elementary (K-6).....	569
Rural Schools (K-8).....	103
Sturgis Brown High School (9-12)....	677
Sturgis Elementary (K-5).....	716
Whitewood (K-6).....	106
Williams Middle School (6-8).....	497
Out of district.....	18
<b>Total Enrollment.....</b>	<b>2,687</b>

## Estimated Expenditures for all funds 2015-16

General Fund.....	\$16,757,213
Capital Outlay.....	\$5,326,192
Special Services.....	\$3,375,121
Pension Fund.....	\$498,300
Food Service.....	\$1,327,062
Enterprise Fund.....	\$111,534
<b>Total all Funds.....</b>	<b>\$26,555,225</b>

## Estimated Revenue for General Fund 2015-16

Local.....	\$8,312,838
County.....	\$495,000
State.....	\$6,113,665
Federal.....	\$1,080,528
Fund Balance.....	\$750,182
Sale of Fixed Assets.....	\$5,000
<b>Total General Fund....</b>	<b>\$16,757,213</b>

## Personnel for 2015-16

### (Full and Part-Time)

Teachers.....	205	Principals, Administrators.....	12
Paraprofessionals, tutors.....	50	Professional/Technical.....	6
Custodians, Maintenance.....	25	Nurses.....	3
Lunchroom, Cooks.....	26	Business Manager.....	1
Administrative Assistants.....	21	Superintendent.....	1

**Total: 350**

## Meade School Board

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