

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 2,642, 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 13.12 students per teacher in K-8, 8.5 students per teacher in rural K-8, and 13.25 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.

Commitment to Technology

Computer and internet literacy is essential for students to succeed in both the job market and higher education. Businesses assume their employees possess basic computer skills and colleges increasingly utilize computer-based learning in their courses.

The Meade School Board is committed to providing students with the tools they need to prepare for careers and higher education, and this includes providing devices to access and explore the Internet. Traditionally computer labs were used for this purpose. Teachers would schedule times when their classes could visit the lab and students would be limited to the time scheduled.

Today, given the increased emphasis on Internet research and the resources available on the Internet, computer labs are no longer meeting students' needs. Teachers are forced to compete with each other to schedule lab time and labs are fully booked year-round without students getting enough computer time.

Given this new environment, school officials realized it had to evolve the way in which students can access the Internet. With the cost of computers and devices such as tablets decreasing, 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 so they could use it all day, every day for class.

The first step in this direction was the purchase of 260 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. The program is being 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. iPads will continue to be used by all students at the Elm Springs School.

The faculty and administration at Sturgis Brown High School have talked seriously since 2006 about developing their own 1:1 program for the high school. During the 2013-14 school year a committee of high school teachers was formed to study which device would work best in furthering the goals of a 1:1 program. The committee tested an iPad, a Chromebook, an Apple MacBook Air, a HP laptop and a Fujitsu laptop. After considering the pros and cons of all the devices, the committee chose the Apple MacBook Air because, unlike a tablet, it functions like a computer, has hard drive space for storage, has faster start-up times than the other laptops tested, and has a long battery life.

An additional benefit unique to the MacBook Air is that Apple provides professional development to teachers in order to help them learn how to maximize its use with students. This program was rolled out to the SBHS students during the 2014-15 school year.

Pending the success of the iPad and MacBook Air programs, a decision will be made at the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year about whether and how to bring a 1:1 program to grades sixth through eighth in the near future. The kindergarten through third grade staff will explore using devices in more of a "center" atmosphere with five to 10 devices per classroom.

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

Facts about Meade School District

Fall Enrollment for 2014-15

Piedmont Elementary (K-6).....	563
Rural Schools (K-8).....	87
Sturgis Brown High School (9-12)....	676
Sturgis Elementary (K-5).....	717
Whitewood (K-6).....	123
Williams Middle School (6-8).....	467
Out of district.....	9
Total Enrollment.....	2,642

Estimated Expenditures for all funds 2014-15

General Fund.....	\$16,523,820
Capital Outlay.....	\$4,871,900
Special Services.....	\$3,313,749
Pension Fund.....	\$446,300
Food Service.....	\$1,285,418
Enterprise Fund.....	\$114,038
Total all Funds.....	\$26,555,225

Estimated Revenue for General Fund 2014-15

Local.....	\$7,833,000
County.....	\$495,000
State.....	\$6,031,812
Federal.....	\$1,232,313
Fund Balance.....	\$926,695
Sale of Fixed Assets.....	\$5,000
Total General Fund....	\$16,523,820

Personnel for 2014-15 (Full and Part-Time)

Teachers.....	200	Principals, Administrators.....	12
Paraprofessionals, tutors.....	45	Professional/Technical.....	6
Custodians, Maintenance.....	28	Nurses.....	3
Lunchroom, Cooks.....	26	Business Manager.....	1
Administrative Assistants.....	21	Superintendent.....	1

Total: 343

Meade School Board

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