

Spearfish School District Annual Report



SPEARFISH
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Fall 2016

Grades K-12

Spearfish, South Dakota

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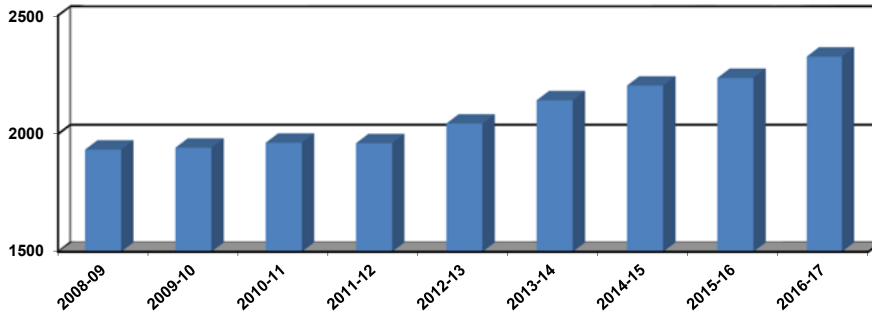
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Demographics of Spearfish School District

Number of Students Enrolled, K-12



Enrollment

2016-17	2327
2015-16	2237
2014-15	2207
2013-14	2143
2012-13	2045
2011-12	1962
2010-11	1964
2009-10	1943
2008-09	1945
2007-08	1929

2016-17 Students by Building

Mountain View Elementary (K)	186
West Elementary (1-2)	353
Creekside Elementary (3-5)	595
Middle School (6-8)	545
High School (9-12)	648
Total	2,327

Student Attendance Rate

ATTENDANCE CENTER	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Mountain View Elementary							96.1%	95.4%	95.5%
West Elementary	96.3%	96.7%	96.7%	95.8%	96.4%	96.1%	96%	95.6%	96%
Creekside Elementary	95.5%	95.8%	95.1%	95.4%	95.8%	95.4%	95.8%	95.5%	95.9%
Middle School	95.3%	95.4%	94.7%	94.8%	95.5%	95.2%	95.1%	95.1%	95.3%
High School	94.1%	95.2%	94.6%	94.8%	95.2%	95.2%	94.9%	95.2%	94.7%

Student Dropout Rate

2015-2016	.02%
2014-2015	.02%
2013-2014	.02%
2012-2013	.01%
2011-2012	.01%
2010-2011	.01%
2009-2010	.1%
2008-2009	.8%
2007-2008	1.1%

Ethnic Make-up

ETHNICITY	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Asian or Pacific Islander	32 = 1.6%	35 = 1.8%	24 = 1.2%	23 = 1.1%	26 = 1.2%	28 = 1.3%
Black, Not Hispanic Origin	11 = .6%	9 = .5%	9 = .4%	13 = .6%	15 = .7%	14 = .6%
Hispanic	87 = 4.4%	79 = 4%	89 = 4.4%	95 = 4.4%	100 = 4.5%	115 = 5.1%
Native American	75 = 3.8%	82 = 4.2%	74 = 3.6%	69 = 3.2%	68 = 3.1%	86 = 3.9%
Two or More Races	18 = .9%	40 = 2%	47 = 2.3%	57 = 2.7%	51 = 2.3%	58 = 2.6%
White, Not Hispanic Origin	1741 = 88.7%	1717 = 87.5%	1802 = 88.1%	1886 = 88%	1947 = 88.2%	1936 = 86.6%
Total	1964	1962	2045	2143	2207	2237



Socio-Economics Status of Students

Building	% of Students Eligible for Free and Reduced Lunches								
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Mountain View Elementary...							30%	40%	36%
West Elementary.....	24%	35%	37%	37%	35%	37%	41%	32%	40%
East Elementary.....	25%	28%	26%	34%					
Creekside Elementary.....					31%	34%	38%	29%	37%
Middle School.....	20%	26%	25%	28%	30%	30%	35%	28%	36%
High School *	14%	21%	18%	19%	17%	24%	31%	23%	27%

*A lower rate of free and reduced lunch eligibility at the High School is at least partially due to the availability of open campus for 10th – 12th grade students.

Open Enrollment

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Coming to (In)	36	32	37	46	40	41	47	72	69
Leaving (Out)	24	26	24	32	27	21	16	25	17
Difference	+12	+6	+13	+14	+13	+20	+31	+47	+52

Incoming Open Enrollment

School District	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Belle Fourche	18	20	18	25	17	14	26	28	43
Meade	12	6	8	11	14	21	12	23	19
Lead/Deadwood	3	3	10	9	9	4	9	15	5
New Underwood			1						
Rapid City	3	3		1		1		6	2
Douglas						1			
Total	36	32	37	46	40	41	47	72	69

Outgoing Open Enrollment

School District	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Belle Fourche	12	13	13	14	8	10	10	10	8
Meade	6	9	6	15	9	4		8	6
Lead/Deadwood	4	2	4	3	8	6	6	6	3
Hot Springs		1							
New Underwood			1						
Harding County					1				
Mt. Vernon					1				
Mobridge								1	
Rapid City	2	1				1			
Total	24	26	24	32	27	21	16	25	17

Home School/Private School Exemptions

School Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Home School	68	62	62	64	74	73	63	76	80
Private School	52	54	56	76	77	88	75	76	82
Total # of Students	120	116	118	140	151	161	138	152	162

Special Education Enrollment

Students Served in Special Education: 2015-16

DISABILITY CATEGORY	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STUDENTS*
Deafness and Blindness	0	0
Emotionally Disturbed	20	.9%
Cognitive Disability	19	.9%
Hearing Impaired	1	.05%
Specific Learning Disability	128	5.8%
Multiple Disabilities	3	.2%
Orthopedic Impairments	0	0
Vision Loss	0	0
Deaf	0	0
Speech/Language Impairments	59	2.7%
Other Health Impairments	27	1.2%
Autism	10	.5%
Traumatic Brain Injury	1	.05%
Preschool/Early Intervention	19	.9%
Total	287	12.9%

* Percentage is rounded to the nearest tenth.

* Percentage based on December 1, 2015, Child Count numbers (268 K-12 students and 19 early intervention students).

Ten Year Totals for Special Education Services

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Number of Special Education Students	282	277	270	268	262	246	273	294	302	287
Percent of Total Population	14.1%	14.4%	13.9%	13.8%	13.3%	12.5%	13.4%	13.7%	13.7%	12.9%
All K-12 Students	1995	1929	1945	1943	1964	1962	2045	2143	2207	2237

2015-16 English as a Second Language Students

GRADE	PAKISTANI	SPANISH
Preschool		
Kindergarten		1
First Grade		
Second Grade		
Third Grade	1	
Fourth Grade		
Fifth Grade		
Sixth Grade		
Seventh Grade		
Eighth Grade		1
Ninth Grade		1
Tenth Grade		
Eleventh Grade		1
Twelfth Grade		
Total	1	4

Advanced Placement Courses 2016-17 School Year

Advanced Placement courses are classes that are offered at the Spearfish High School. Their content is sufficiently rigorous so as to meet college requirements. At the end of the class, students take an AP exam. If they receive a "3" or better, they will be awarded credit for the course at many universities. **Enrollment in Advanced Placement programs has been negatively impacted by the surge in Dual Credit opportunities for High School students.

Advanced Placement History: 49 students enrolled

Advanced Placement Language: 54 students enrolled

Dual Credit Offerings

Dual credit courses are classes offered simultaneously for high school and post-secondary credit. Students who successfully complete courses in this program will have a post-secondary institution transcript. Dual credit classes offered are through Black Hills State University (BHSU).

UNIVERSITY	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
BHSU	30	24	16	28	58	48	79	118	292	332

Spearfish High School Achievement on the ACT Test

YEAR	SPEARFISH AVERAGE SCORE	STATE AVERAGE SCORE	NATIONAL AVERAGE SCORE
2005-06	22.7	21.8	21.1
2006-07	22.9	21.9	21.2
2007-08	22.9	22.0	21.1
2008-09	22.2	22.0	21.1
2009-10	22.4	21.8	21.0
2010-11	22.8	21.8	21.1
2011-12	23.7	21.8	21.1
2012-13	23.2	21.9	20.9
2013-14	22.9	21.9	21.0
2014-15	23.2	21.9	21.0
2015-16	22.9	21.9	20.8



Academic Offerings at Spearfish School District 40-2

SUBJECT AREA	GRADE
Advanced Placement (Literature, Language and History)	11 & 12
Alternative School	9-12
Art	K-12
Articulated Classes	9-12
Business Education	9-12
Career Explorations	9-12
Carpentry	9-12
Computer (Studies or Technology)	K-12
Drivers Education (summer program)	8-12
Dual Credit Classes with BHSU	10-12
Electronics	9-12
English/Language Arts	K-12
Foreign Language (French I-IV)	9-12
Foreign Language (Spanish I-IV)	9-12
Guidance and Counseling	K-12
Health Education	K-12
Industrial Technology (Basic Wood, Welding, CADD, Electronics)	9-12
Instrumental Music	6-12
Mathematics, including Advanced Placement Statistics	K-12
Media Services	K-12
Personal Finance	9-12
Physical Education	K-12
Reading	K-12
Science	K-12
Social Studies	K-12
Special Education	PreK-12
Vocal Music	K-12
World of Work	9-12

Plans of Spearfish High School's 2016 Graduates

PLACEMENT	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
Armed Services	7
Augustana University	3
Black Hills State University	32
Dakota State University	3
South Dakota School of Mines	8
South Dakota State University	3
University of South Dakota	6
Technical Schools (South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado)	16
Colorado Colleges	4
Minnesota Colleges	2
Nebraska Colleges	3
Wyoming Colleges	4
Other Out of State Colleges	20
Work	26
Total	137

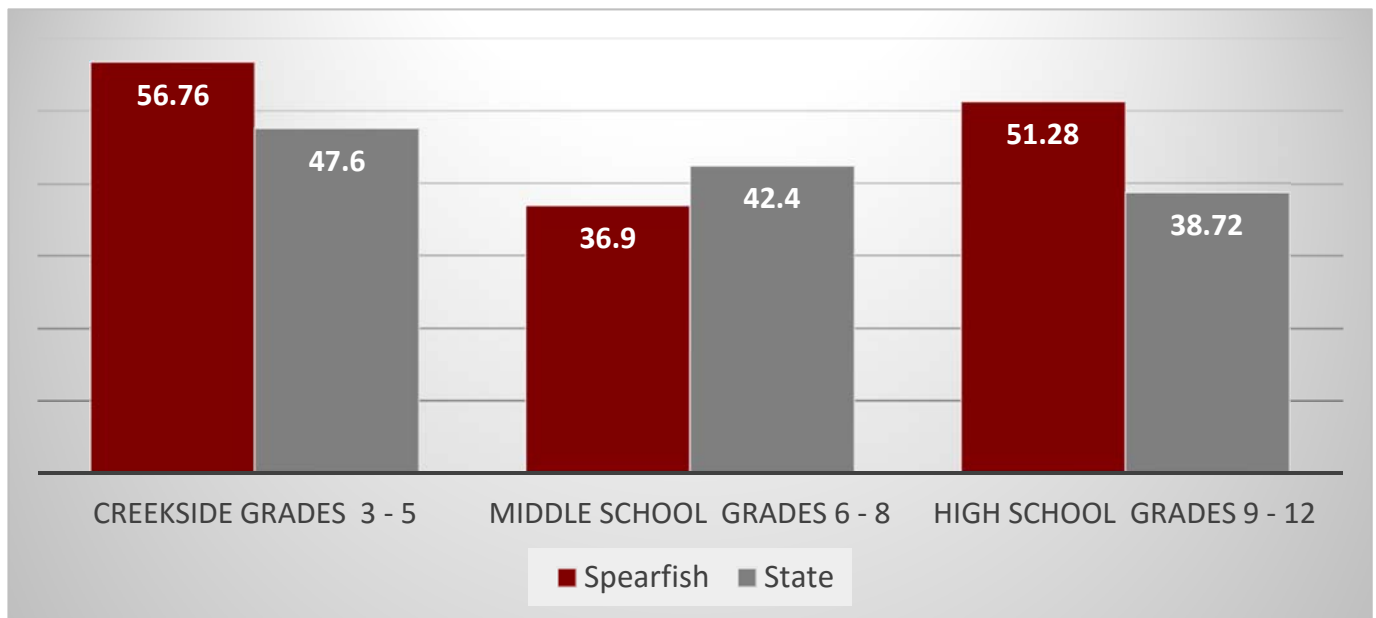
Percent of Spearfish High School graduates pursuing non-Military, post-secondary studies: 75.9%
 Percent of Spearfish High School graduates going directly to the workforce: 19%

Smarter Balanced Assessment

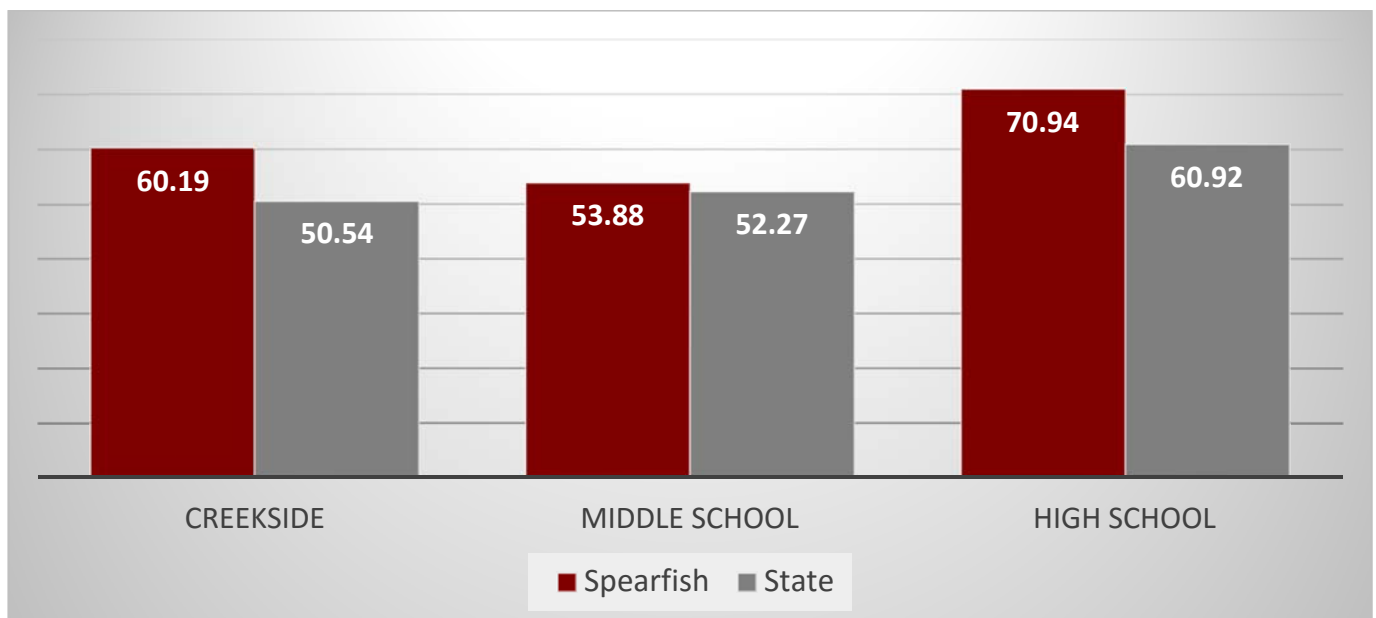
South Dakota is part of the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium, or SBAC. The SBAC is a consortium of states that have been working collaboratively to develop a student assessment system aligned to the Common Core State Standards in English language arts and math. South Dakota is one of 21 governing states, which allows the state decision-making participation. The remaining six are advisory states.

The SBAC focus is on assessing students annually in grades 3-8 and 11. The system includes both summative and interim assessments and will use computer adaptive testing technologies to the greatest extent possible to provide meaningful feedback and actionable data that teachers and other educators can use to help students succeed.

Percent Proficient in Math

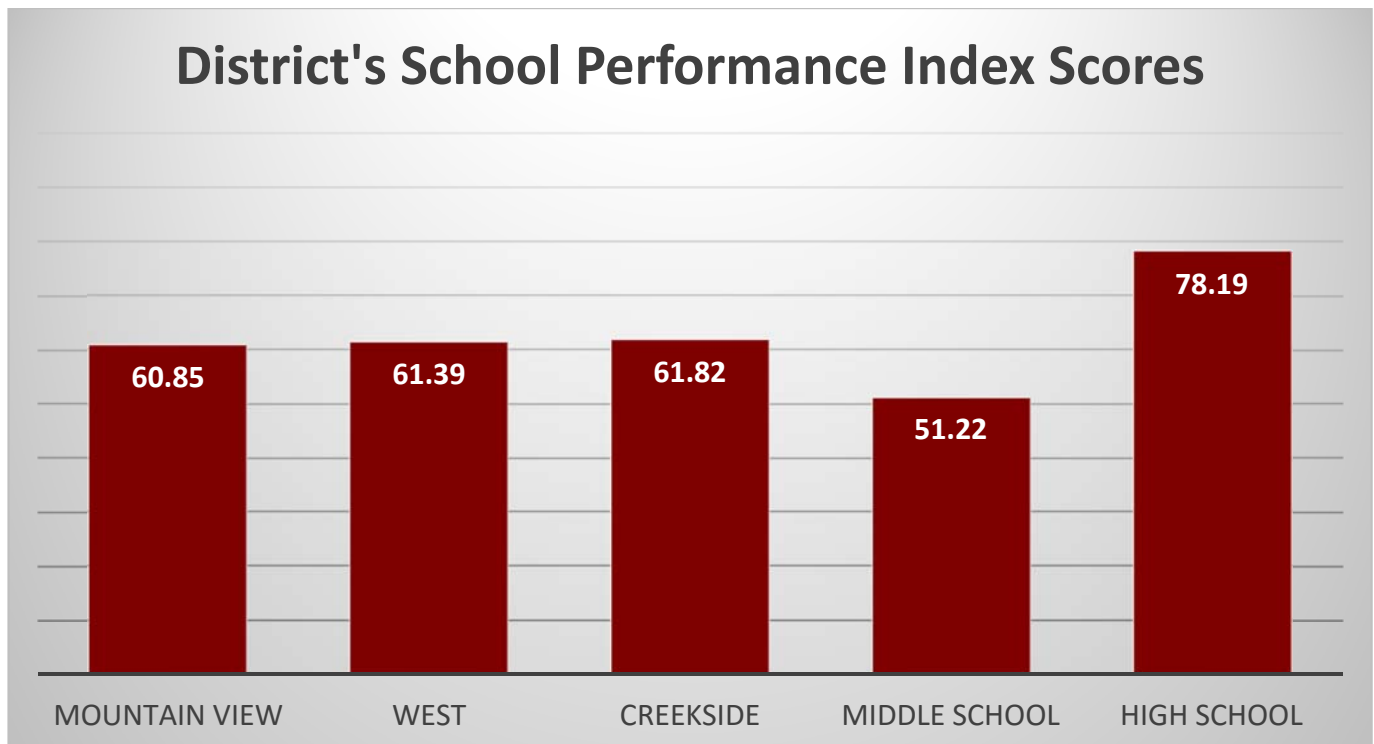


Percent Proficient in English Language Arts



School Performance Index

South Dakota's accountability system centers around a 100-point index, called the School Performance Index, or SPI. The SPI consists of key indicators of performance. A numeric value is assigned to each of the indicators. These values are added to create a total SPI score out of 100 points. Two distinct indexes are used: one for high school accountability and one for elementary/middle school accountability. Key indicators at the high school level are student achievement, high school completion and college/career readiness. Key indicators at the elementary/middle school level are student achievement, academic growth and attendance. Each public school in the state receives a SPI score, with limited exceptions due to school size and/or mission.



School Classifications

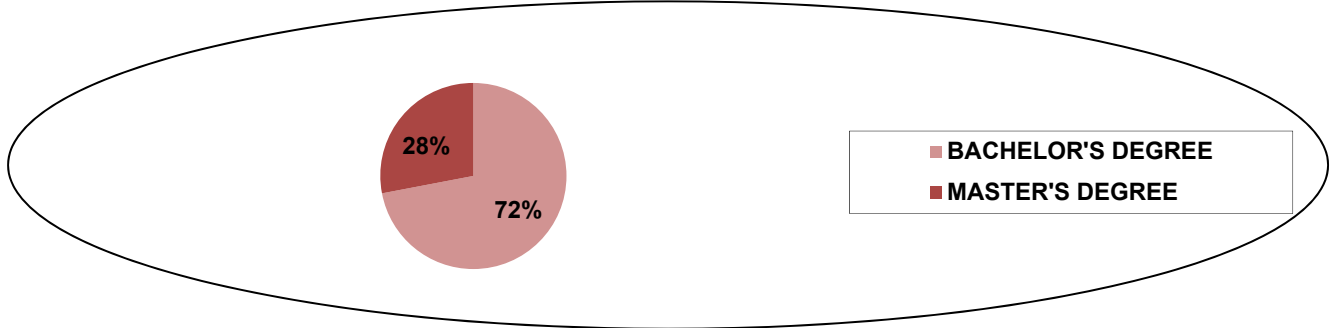
- ▶ Mountain View: Progressing
- ▶ West: Progressing
- ▶ Creekside: Progressing
- ▶ Middle School: Progressing
- ▶ High School: Progressing

- ▶ Based on SPI scores, the Department of Education classifies schools as follows:
 - ▶ Exemplary = SPI score at or above the top 5% of schools
 - ▶ Status = SPI score at or above the top 10% (minus Exemplary schools)
 - ▶ Progressing = SPI score less than top 10% and greater than bottom 5%
 - ▶ Priority =
 - ▶ SPI score at or below the bottom 5% OR
 - ▶ Title I eligible high school with graduation rate below 60% for the last two years
 - ▶ Focus = classified based on specific SPI indicators, as they relate to the performance of a school's Gap Group. This classification applies only to Title I schools.

SPEARFISH SCHOOL DISTRICT FACULTY

Certified Staff Level of Education

LEVEL OF EDUCATION	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Bachelor's Degree	102	108	100	102	107	113	113	118
Master's Degree (or higher)	55	51	51	49	50	45	46	45
Total	157	159	151	151	157	158	159	163



Percent of Highly Qualified Teachers

2016-17	99.17%
2015-16	98.55%
2014-15	99.56%
2013-14	100%
2012-13	100%
2011-12	100%
2010-11	100%
2009-10	100%
2008-09	100%

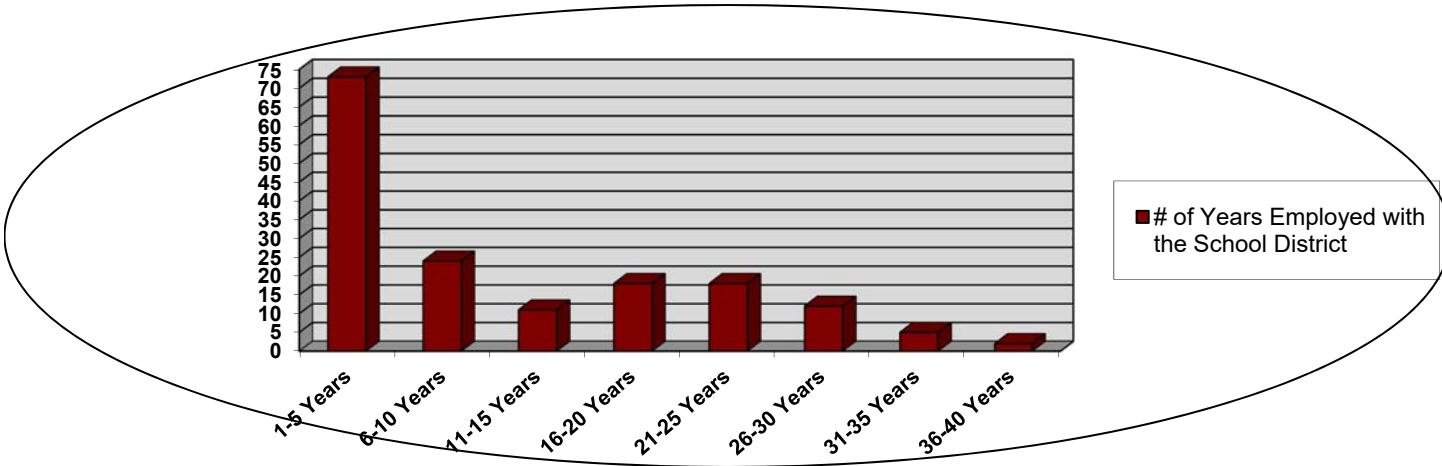
The federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act calls for teachers (both regular and special education) of core academic subjects to be highly qualified. Core subjects include English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, art, economics, history and geography.

A highly qualified teacher, as defined by the Act, is one with full certification, a bachelor's degree and who demonstrates competence in subject knowledge and teaching.



Certified Staff Experience

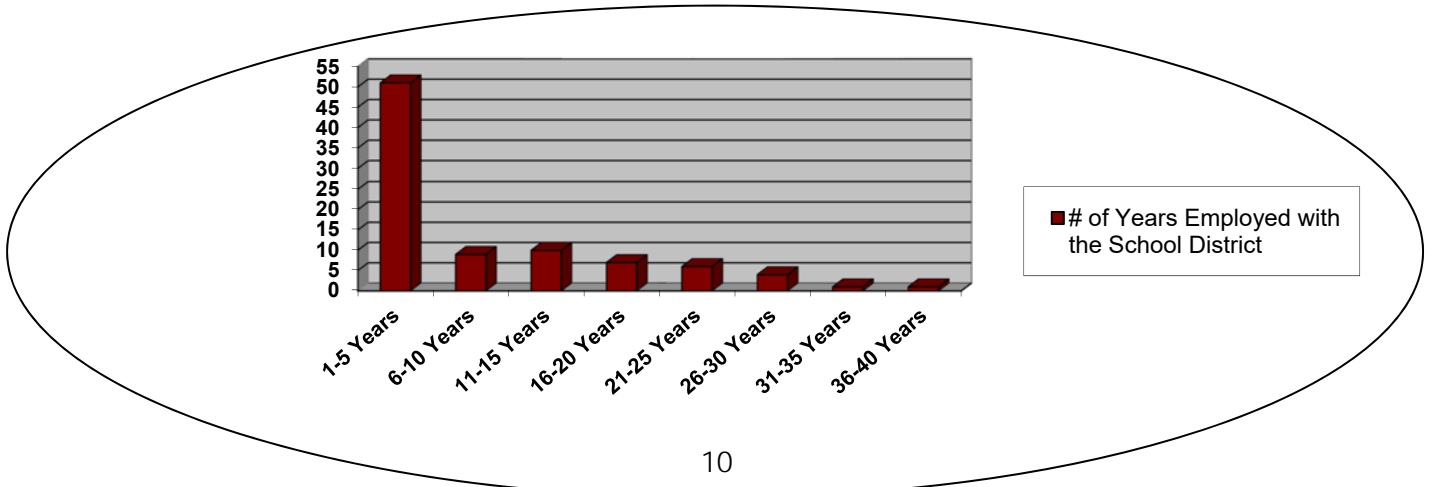
NUMBER OF YEARS EMPLOYED WITH THE SPEARFISH SCHOOL DISTRICT	2016-17
1-5 Years	73
6-10 Years	24
11-15 Years	11
16-20 Years	18
21-25 Years	18
26-30 Years	12
31-35 Years	5
36-40 Years	2
Total	163



Classified Staff Experience

NUMBER OF YEARS EMPLOYED WITH THE SPEARFISH SCHOOL DISTRICT	2016-17
1-5 Years	51
6-10 Years	9
11-15 Years	10
16-20 Years	7
21-25 Years	6
26-30 Years	4
31-35 Years	1
36-40 Years	1
Total	89

Classified staff includes: educational support personnel (teacher aides), custodians and secretaries.



School Discipline

2015-16 Data

Services/Activities Designed to Alleviate Drugs, Alcohol, and Violence

- * After school/before school programs
- * Alternative education programs
- * Community service projects
- * Conflict resolution/peer mediation
- * Curriculum acquisition or development
- * Drug prevention instruction
- * Parent education involvement

- * Security cameras
- * Security personnel (School Resource Officer)
- * Service for out of school youth
- * Special one-time events
- * Student support services
- * Teacher/staff training
- * Violence/prevention instruction

Number of Drug, Alcohol, and Violent Offenses at School

OFFENSES	Mountain View Elementary	West Elementary	Creekside Elementary	Middle School	High School
Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Battery (Aggravated Assault)	0	0	0	0	0
Breaking and entering/burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly conduct	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs, other than alcohol	0	0	0	0	1
Fighting	0	3	0	4	2
Larceny/theft	0	2	0	7	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual battery	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual harassment	0	0	1	0	0
Threat/intimidation	0	2	0	0	0
Tobacco	0	0	0	1	3
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0
Firearms	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Offense (non-violent)	0	0	0	0	0
All other weapons (not firearms)	0	1	0	0	1
Number of expulsions	0	0	0	0	0
Number of in-school suspensions	0	0	0	10	5
Number of out-of-school suspensions	0	0	1	2	1
Non-Firearm related expulsion	0	0	0	0	0
Other discipline actions	0	0	0	0	0

Total Firearm Expulsions

OFFENSES	Mountain View Elem.	West Elementary	Creekside Elementary	Middle School	High School
Expulsions/Modified Expulsions for violations of the firearms policy reported under criminal or violent offenses	0	0	0	0	1

Transportation

As of September 1, 2016

Number of Routes: 10

Total Cost of Regular Route Busing: \$318,960
Cost Per Mile for Bus Operation: \$2.40



Food Service

Number of Student Breakfasts Served 2015-16: 37,682
Number of Student Lunches Served 2015-16: 227,208

Costs of Meals at Spearfish School District 2016-17

Breakfast

\$1.10 = Elementary
\$1.35 = Middle School/High School
\$1.60 = Adults

Lunch

\$2.45 = Elementary
\$2.90 = Middle School/High School
\$3.60 = Adults

Percentage of Participating Children Eligible to Eat:

26% = Free Meals
8% = Reduced Price Meals
66% = Full Price Meals

Average Daily Participation in Food Service Program:

70% = Mountain View Elementary
71% = West Elementary
71% = Creekside Elementary
75% = Middle School
22% = High School

* A lower participation rate at the HS level is partially due to the availability of open campus for grades 10-12 at the High School.



School Buildings



Mountain View Elementary

Year Built/Renovations 1961/2013
2015-16 Operating Costs: \$36,576
Building Square Footage: 32,626

West Elementary

Year Built/Additions/Renovations
1965/1987/2004
2015-16 Operating Costs: \$70,979
Building Square Footage: 53,797



Creekside Elementary

Year Built/Additions 2011/2015
2015-16 Operating Costs: \$81,484
Building Square Footage: 64,100

Spearfish Middle School

Year Built 1992
2015-16 Operating Costs: \$108,487
Building Square Footage: 97,055



Spearfish High School

Year Built/Addition/Renovations
1979/1985/1995/1998/2000/2008
2015-16 Operating Costs: \$202,660
Building Square Footage: 142,662



* Operating building costs include electricity, gas, water, sewer, and garbage removal.

Finances

Sources of Revenue

Revenues: General Operating Fund

There are three sources of revenue for the general operating fund:

Local/County

Property Taxes
Interest
Ticket Sales
Facility Rentals
Fines
Sale of Surplus Property
Miscellaneous

State

State Aid
Public Land Monies

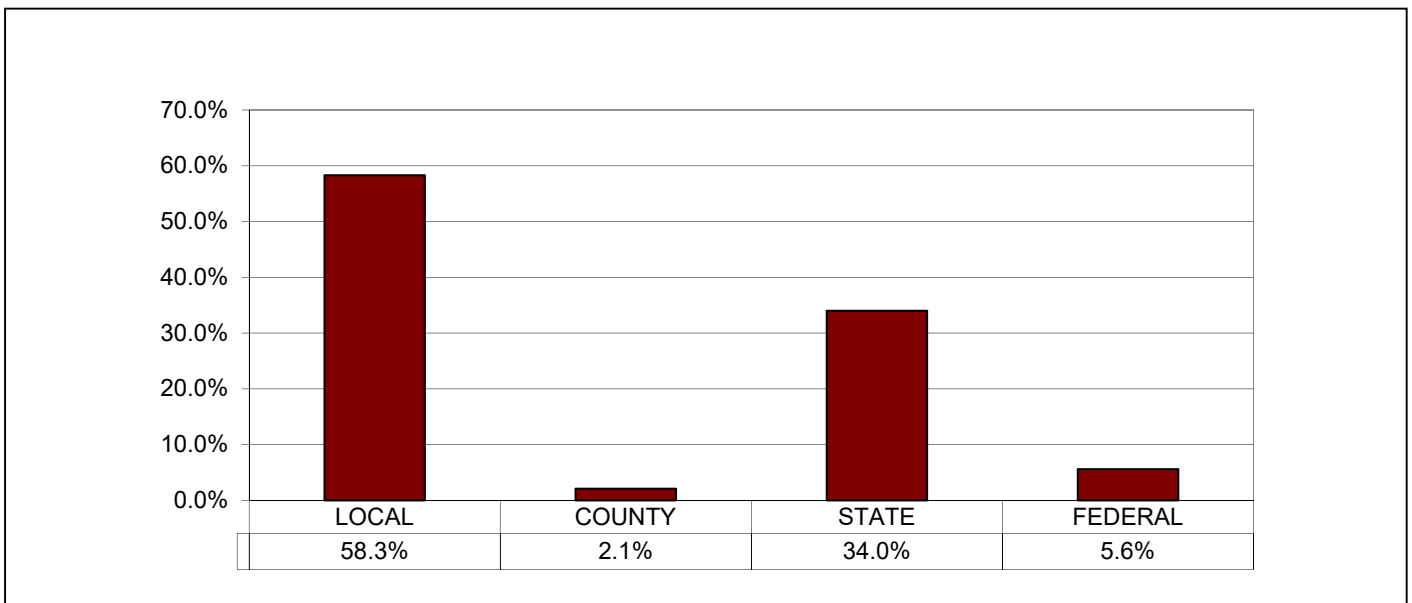
Federal Grants

Title I - Disadvantaged
Title II - Teacher
Quality/Technology
Title IV - Safe and Drug Free

Revenues

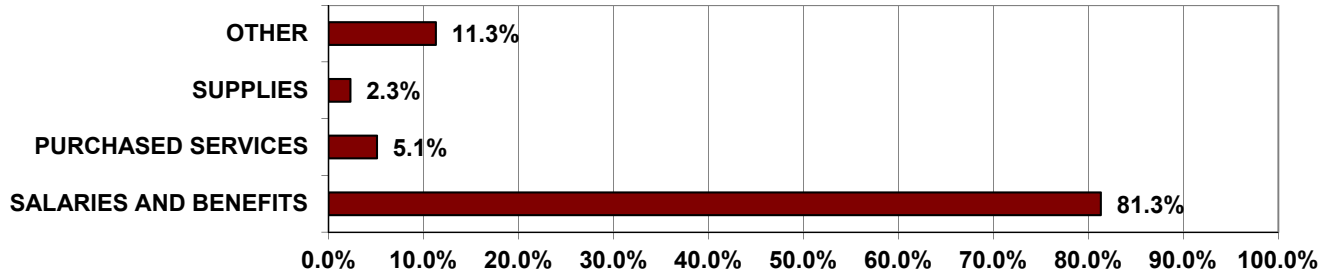
General Operating Fund
Comparisons of Revenues

YEAR	LOCAL	COUNTY	STATE	FEDERAL	TOTAL
2006-07	\$5,754,114	\$468,177	\$3,688,718	\$669,559	\$10,580,568
2007-08	\$5,725,218	\$506,415	\$4,080,180	\$543,063	\$10,854,876
2008-09	\$6,119,017	\$457,991	\$3,735,377	\$850,349	\$11,162,734
2009-10	\$6,257,217	\$411,888	\$3,535,564	\$989,949	\$11,194,618
2010-11	\$6,462,048	\$286,895	\$3,254,512	\$1,369,694	\$11,373,149
2011-12	\$6,652,970	\$301,099	\$3,241,204	\$810,751	\$11,006,024
2012-13	\$6,524,314	\$334,466	\$3,694,549	\$514,340	\$11,067,759
2013-14	\$6,877,940	\$265,166	\$3,988,209	\$504,443	\$11,635,758
2014-15	\$7,511,549	\$279,022	\$4,271,271	\$491,416	\$12,553,258
2015-16	\$7,627,657	\$279,624	\$4,455,241	\$732,037	\$13,094,559



Expenditures

SCHOOL YEAR	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	PURCHASED SERVICES	SUPPLIES	OTHER	TOTAL
2006-07	\$8,216,296	\$489,637	\$246,436	\$1,595,555	\$10,547,924
2007-08	\$8,856,775	\$558,616	\$247,178	\$1,108,426	\$10,770,995
2008-09	\$8,932,041	\$661,310	\$269,363	\$1,200,646	\$11,063,360
2009-10	\$9,369,992	\$541,896	\$299,103	\$1,479,498	\$11,690,489
2010-11	\$8,824,502	\$367,174	\$333,098	\$1,354,487	\$10,879,261
2011-12	\$8,581,046	\$484,013	\$265,125	\$1,668,239	\$10,998,423
2012-13	\$8,762,994	\$752,432	\$270,321	\$1,187,205	\$10,972,952
2013-14	\$9,548,405	\$675,399	\$316,040	\$1,252,361	\$11,792,205
2014-15	\$10,016,200	\$533,725	\$308,562	\$1,914,676	\$12,773,163
2015-16	\$10,432,128	\$655,856	\$292,465	\$1,452,632	\$12,833,081



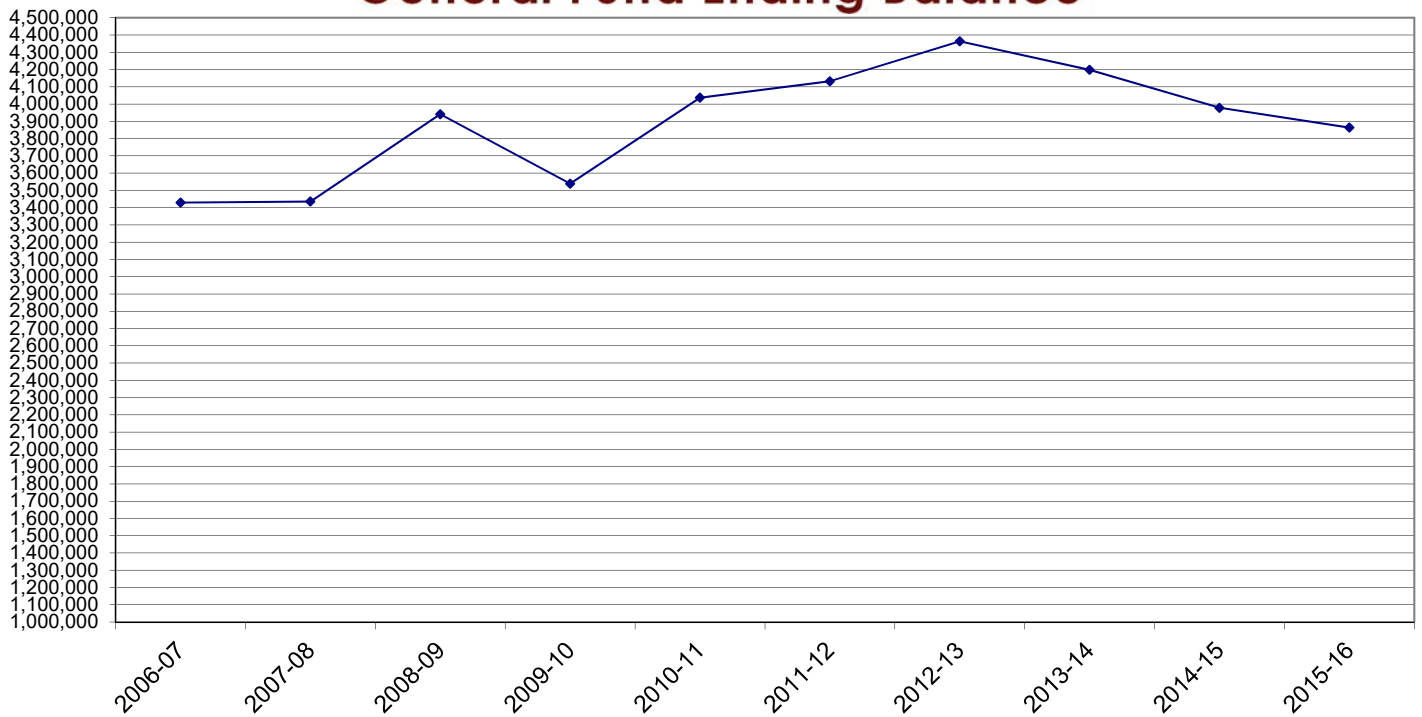
Capital Outlay Expenditures 2015-16

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Technology	\$302,213
Equipment Purchases	\$198,920
Building/Site Improvements	\$502,280
Textbooks/Transportation/Utilities	\$598,971
Capital Outlay Debt Certificates	\$1,826,414
Total	\$3,428,798

Ending Balances

SCHOOL YEAR	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL OUTLAY	SPECIAL EDUCATION
2006-07	\$3,429,431	\$2,049,840	\$380,886
2007-08	\$3,435,430	\$2,028,764	\$387,495
2008-09	\$3,941,229	\$3,108,052	\$485,781
2009-10	\$3,538,849	\$3,986,591	\$622,592
2010-11	\$4,037,080	\$4,810,887	\$720,955
2011-12	\$4,132,217	\$4,607,693	\$587,993
2012-13	\$4,363,283	\$4,000,148	\$516,424
2013-14	\$4,198,120	\$3,467,536	\$583,968
2014-15	\$3,978,215	\$3,274,839	\$609,874
2015-16	\$3,863,936	\$3,746,193	\$681,096

General Fund Ending Balance



General Fund Per Pupil Cost

SCHOOL YEAR	DISTRICT PER PUPIL COST	STATE AVERAGE PER PUPIL COST	STATE FINANCE FORMULA RATE PER PUPIL
2006-07	\$5,439.88	\$6,089	\$4,364.85
2007-08	\$5,627.00	\$6,438	\$4,528.80
2008-09	\$5,688.10	\$6,701	\$4,664.66
2009-10	\$6,013.63	\$6,071	\$4,804.60
2010-11	\$5,829.00	\$6,670	\$4,804.60
2011-12	\$5,600.01	\$6,653	\$4,389.95
2012-13	\$5,365.75	\$6,424	\$4,490.92
2013-14	\$5,503.18	\$6,620	\$4,625.65
2014-15	\$5,816.41	\$6,680	\$4,781.14
2015-16	\$5,736.74	Not Yet Available	\$4,876.76

2015-2016 School Highlights

Spearfish Elementary Schools

- K-5 students participated in "Fall Fitness."
- Donuts for Dads and Muffins for Moms drew nearly 550 parents/grandparents/friends.
- Celebration of Holidays around the world; community-based speakers and exposure to a variety of cultures and traditions.
- Christmas Program sponsored by the SFPE and facilitated by Kathy Ewing involved more than 1500 attendees.
- National Park Service field speakers conducted over 20 classroom visits focused on forestry, geology, and local geographical features.
- Field trips to DC Booth Hatchery and Spirit of the Hills Sanctuary.
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) expanded in elementary schools.
- Community safety programs including fire education and safety, personal safety, police meet-and-greets, flag-raising ceremony and education, and other volunteer organizations.
- Flag Folding training and program provided in cooperation with the American Legion Auxiliary and Black Hills Rider for all 1st grade students.
- Veteran's Day program and activities in buildings/classrooms.
- Kiwanis Dictionary Donation – Kiwanis provides a new dictionary for every 3rd grade student.
- Creekside 5th grade students in conjunction with the High School Constitutional Government class developed and presented government projects.
- Constitution Day & 5th Grade to Mt. Rushmore for the Kids Voting Kickoff.
- K-5 students participated in Jump Rope for Heart.
- Transition activities for outgoing 5th graders and incoming 2nd graders.
- Science Day with Spearfish High School students.
- Honors Assembly held monthly at Creekside Elementary.
- "Them Bones" presentation by Custer State Park.
- D.A.R.E. graduation held for 5th grade students.
- Parent/volunteer picnics and ice cream socials were held at the end of the school year.
- Continued use of Teammates program to meet the needs of young students.
- Continued partnership with Kids Club Kids providing after school care of families of children in grades K-5.

Spearfish Middle School

- Teri Bauerly – Spearfish School District Teacher of the Year
- Paula Farley – American Legions Poste 164 Teacher of the Year
- Over 50 8th graders trained and provided mentor services for 6th graders. Activities were included at the beginning of the year with team building and school orientation. Random acts of kindness activities done in the middle of the school year, facilitated and organized by the school counselors to continue our Spartan PRIDE.
- End of Trimester celebrations
 - ✓ Tug of War competition between START groups
 - ✓ Rock-Paper-Scissors competition between START Groups
 - ✓ No Tardy Recognition
- Each grade hosted a parent math night
- MS students participated and excelled in the local and regional science fair
- Sixth Grade Highlights:
 - ✓ Field trip to the Vore Buffalo Jump
 - ✓ Super Bowl Tailgate/Paper Bowl Party
 - ✓ Field trip to Iron Creek Lake for fishing derby
 - ✓ Junior Achievement
- Seventh Grade Highlights:
 - ✓ Orienteering at Big Hill
 - ✓ Boys and Girls Science/Engineering Day at SD School of Mines and Technology
 - ✓ DARE activities and graduation
 - ✓ Culture Fair hosted by SMS students
- Eighth Grade Highlights:
 - ✓ Algebra 1 Night for Parents
 - ✓ 19 – 8th grade students attending a World Classrooms Tour in Washington DC
 - ✓ First 1:1 Laptop Program
 - ✓ Ropes/GPS activities at Spearfish Park and BHSU

Spearfish High School

- ACT scores remain above state and national averages.
- High School met AYP in all reported and measured areas.
- AdvancEd accreditation for the 88th consecutive year.
- Black Hills Conference Champions in Dance, Boys Soccer and Volleyball.
- Spearfish High School golf team placed 6th at the State Golf Tournament.
- Spearfish High School soccer team placed 2nd at the State A Soccer Tournament.
- Spearfish High School volleyball team placed 3rd at the State A Volleyball Tournament. Coach Jayna Morrill was selected as the Region 8 Volleyball Coach of the Year and the volleyball team received the 2015 SDVBCA Academic Team of Excellence Award having a team cumulative GOP of 3.5 or higher.
- We the People Constitutional Government team was selected to represent South Dakota at the national finals in Washington DC.
- The Visual Arts team won the Class A State championship.
- The Debate team won the Class A championship. Two seniors were named Academic Speech and Debate All-Americans.
- The Debate team and Mr. Speirs received recognition by the National Speech and Debate Association that they have been ranked among the top 10% of schools nationwide and earned membership in the Associations prestigious 100 Club.

District Directory

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