

Spearfish School District

Annual Report



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Fall, 2011

Grades K-12

Spearfish, South Dakota

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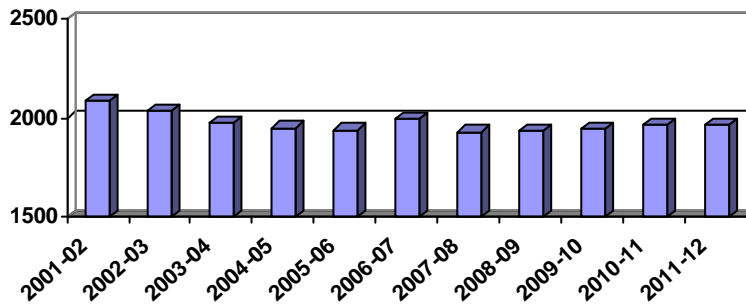
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DEMOGRAPHICS OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED, K-12



Enrollment

2011-12	1962
2010-11	1964
2009-10	1943
2008-09	1945
2007-08	1929
2006-07	1995
2005-06	1939
2004-05	1949
2003-04	1975
2002-03	2034
2001-02	2089

2011-12 STUDENTS BY BUILDING

West Elementary (K-2)	501
Creekside Elementary (3-5)	440
Middle School (6-8)	418
High School (9-12)	603
Total	1962

STUDENT ATTENDANCE RATE

ATTENDANCE CENTER	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
West Elementary	97.6%	97.6%	96.2%	96.6%	96.3%	96.7%	96.7%	95.8%
East Elementary	95.1%	97.5%	95.8%	95.3%	95.5%	95.8%	95.1%	95.4%
Middle School	94.6%	95.5%	94.9%	95.2%	95.3%	95.4%	94.7%	94.8%
High School	90.5%	89.7%	93.3%	93.7%	94.1%	95.2%	94.6%	94.8%

Student Dropout Rate

2010-2011	.01%
2009-2010	.1%
2008-2009	.8%
2007-2008	1.1%
2006-2007	.6%
2005-2006	1.1%
2004-2005	1.3%
2003-2004	.8%



ETHNIC MAKE-UP

ETHNICITY	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Asian or Pacific Islander	32 = 1.6%	29 = 1.5%	28 = 1.5%	28 = 1.4%	25 = 1.3%	32 = 1.6%
Black, Not Hispanic Origin	17 = .9%	14 = .7%	13 = .7%	14 = .7%	7 = .4%	11 = .6%
Hispanic	43 = 2.2%	41 = 2.1%	47 = 2.4%	53 = 2.7%	61 = 3.1%	87 = 4.4%
Native American	104 = 5.4%	84 = 4.2%	69 = 3.6%	85 = 4.4%	96 = 4.9%	75 = 3.8%
Two or More Races						18 = .9%
White, Not Hispanic Origin	1743 = 89.9%	1827 = 91.5%	1772 = 91.8%	1766 = 90.8%	1754 = 90.3%	1741 = 88.7%
Total	1939	1995	1929	1945	1943	1964

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF STUDENTS

% of Students Eligible
for Free and Reduced
Lunches

<u>Building</u>	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
West Elementary.....	34%	26%	23%	25%	24%	35%	37%	37%	35%
East Elementary.....	25%	24%	25%	25%	25%	28%	26%	34%	
Creekside Elementary									31%
Middle School.....	21%	23%	22%	22%	20%	26%	25%	28%	30%
High School *.....	10%	12%	12%	14%	14%	21%	18%	19%	17%

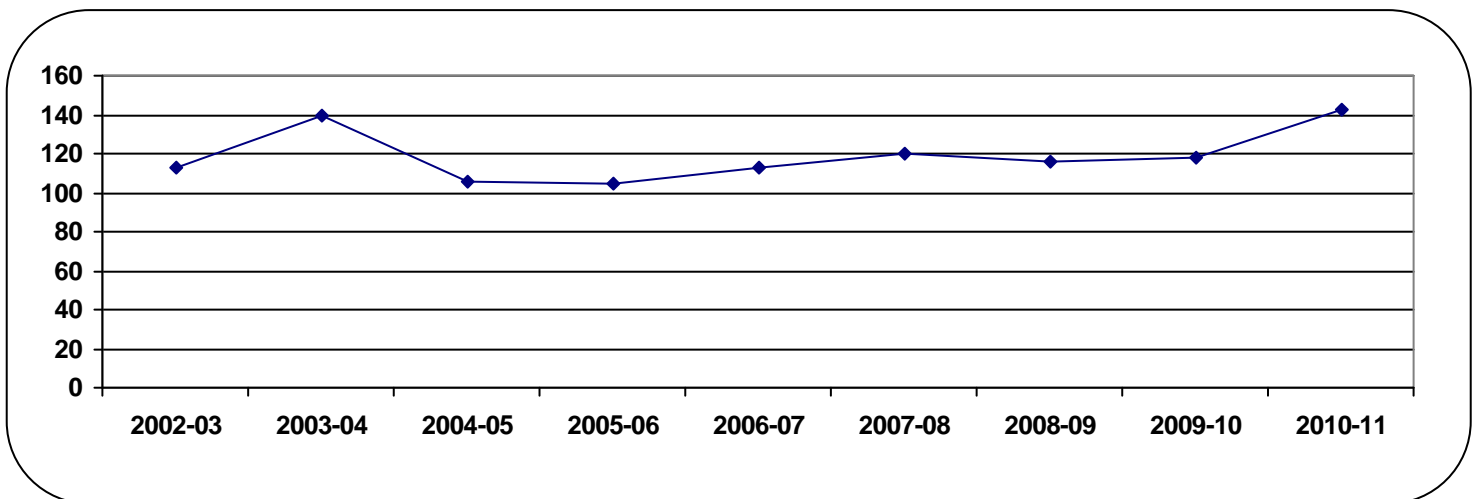
*A lower rate of free and reduced lunch eligibility at the High School is at least partially due to the availability of open campus for 10th – 12th grade students.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Coming to (In)	43	32	35	31	40	36	32	37	46
Leaving (Out)	19	34	31	16	32	24	26	24	32
Difference	+24	-2	+4	+15	+8	+12	+6	+13	+14

HOME SCHOOL/PRIVATE SCHOOL EXEMPTIONS

School Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
# of Students	113	140	106	105	113	120	116	118	143



SPECIAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

Students Served in Special Education: 2010-11

DISABILITY CATEGORY	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STUDENTS*
Deafness and Blindness	0	0
Emotionally Disturbed	11	.6%
Cognitive Disability	18	.9%
Hearing Impaired	0	0
Specific Learning Disability	107	5.4%
Multiple Disabilities	8	.4%
Orthopedic Impairments	0	0
Vision Loss	0	0
Deaf	0	0
Speech/Language Impairments	69	3.5%
Other Health Impairments	2	.1%
Autism	13	.7%
Traumatic Brain Injury	0	0
Preschool/Early Intervention	34	1.7%
Total	262	13.3%

* Percentage is rounded to the nearest tenth.

* Percentage based on December 1, 2010, Child Count numbers (228 K-12 students and 34 early intervention students).

EIGHT YEAR TOTALS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Number of Special Education Students	286	266	266	261	282	277	270	268	262
Percent of Total Population	14.1%	13.5%	13.6%	13.5%	14.1%	14.4%	13.9%	13.8%	13.3%
All K-12 Students	2034	1975	1949	1939	1995	1929	1945	1943	1964

2010-11 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE STUDENTS

GRADE	CHINESE	LAKOTA	PAKISTAN	PHILIPPINES	POLISH	UKRANIAN	SPANISH	THAILAND
Preschool								
Kindergarten								
First Grade								
Second Grade							2	
Third Grade			1					1
Fourth Grade	1							
Fifth Grade			1	1				
Sixth Grade	1	1		1			1	
Seventh Grade	1							
Eighth Grade						1		
Ninth Grade	1		1					
Tenth Grade					1			
Eleventh Grade								
Twelfth Grade							1	
Total	4	1	3	2	1	1	4	1

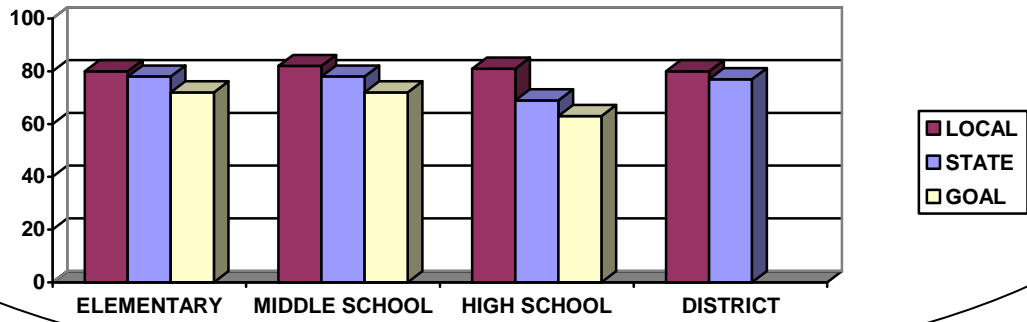
STATE WRITING ASSESSMENT

The SD Department of Education requires all public schools to administer an annual writing assessment. In previous years students in grades 5, 7, and 10 took the assessment once a year in the spring with results being reported to parents. Last year the state conducted a pilot of an online formative assessment model to assess the students writing skills. This online assessment tool, called Write to Learn, will be used by all public school districts this year for students in grades 5, 7, and 10, and every student must submit an essay three times each year. The program provides immediate feedback on essay and summary writing activities. With the feedback provided by the online program, teachers are able to use the data provided by the program to better shape instruction and promote student achievement. Due to the format of this writing assessment, results will not be reported.

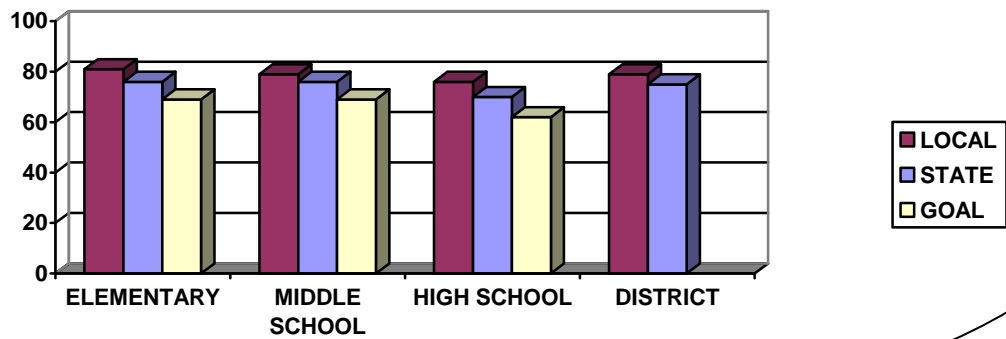
NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND/DAKOTA STEP RESULTS

LEVEL	MATH Percentage of Proficient and Advanced Students		READING Percentage of Proficient and Advanced Students		SCIENCE Percentage of Proficient and Advanced Students		GRADUATION RATES	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
Elementary:								
Local	78	80	83	81	76	86	NA	NA
State	78	78	78	76	73	78	NA	NA
Goal	72	72	69	69			NA	NA
Middle School:								
Local	84	82	78	79	76	72	NA	NA
State	79	78	75	76	73	71	NA	NA
Goal	72	72	69	69			NA	NA
High School:								
Local	71	81	69	76	71	78	88	92
State	69	69	70	70	73	67	89	83
Goal	63	63	62	62			80	80
District:								
Local	80	80	79	79	74	78		
State	76	77	76	75	73	72		

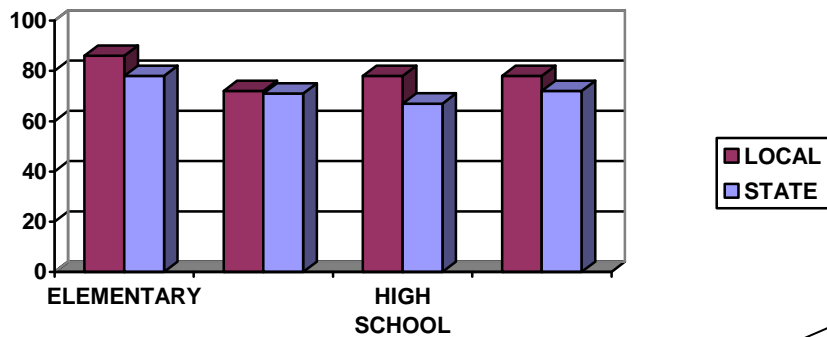
MATH
Spring, 2011



READING
Spring, 2011



SCIENCE
Spring, 2011





ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES 2011-12 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.

- Advanced Placement History: 48 students enrolled in the class for Advanced Placement
- Advanced Placement Language: 65 students enrolled in the class for Advanced Placement
- Advanced Placement Literature: 48 students enrolled in the class for Advanced Placement
- Rising Scholar Literature: 40 students enrolled in the Rising Scholar Literature class

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	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
BHSU	75	42	27	39	175	30	24	16	28	58

SPEARFISH HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT ON THE ACT TEST

YEAR	SPEARFISH AVERAGE SCORE	STATE AVERAGE SCORE	NATIONAL AVERAGE SCORE
1999-2000	22.3	21.5	21.0
2000-01	21.1	21.4	21.0
2001-02	21.3	21.4	20.8
2002-03	21.6	21.4	20.8
2003-04	21.8	21.5	20.9
2004-05	21.2	21.5	20.9
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



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 & 9
Dual Credit Classes with BHSU	10-12
Electronics	9-12
English/Language Arts	K-12
Foreign Language (French I-II)	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 2011 GRADUATES

PLACEMENT	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
Augustana	1
Black Hills State University	21
South Dakota School of Mines	5
South Dakota State University	15
University of Sioux Falls	2
Technical Schools (South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado)	11
Colorado Colleges	2
Minnesota Colleges	5
Nebraska Colleges	6
North Dakota Colleges	1
Wyoming Colleges	5
Other Out of State Colleges	16
Military	3
Work	50
Total	143

Percent of Spearfish High School graduates pursuing non-Military, post-secondary studies: 62.9%
 Percent of Spearfish High School graduates entering the Military: 2.1%
 Percent of Spearfish High School graduates going directly to the workforce: 35%

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

2010-11 DATA

SERVICES/ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO ALLEVIATE DRUG, 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	West Elementary	East Elementary	Middle School	High School
Alcohol	0	0	1	2
Arson	0	0	0	0
Battery (Aggravated Assault)	0	0	0	0
Breaking and entering/burglary	0	0	0	0
Disorderly conduct	0	0	0	0
Drugs, other than alcohol	0	0	0	2
Fighting	5	2	5	12
Larceny/theft	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Sexual harassment	0	0	0	0
Threat/intimidation	0	0	0	0
Tobacco	0	0	3	3
Vandalism	0	0	0	1
Weapon - Handgun	0	0	0	0
Weapon - Rifle/Shotgun (excludes BB guns)	0	0	0	0
Weapon - Other firearm (excludes BB guns)	0	0	0	0
Weapons Possession – All other weapons (other than firearms)	0	0	1	0
Number of expulsions	0	0	0	0
Number of in-school suspensions	0	0	0	0
Number of out-of-school suspensions	0	0	0	0
Non-Firearm related expulsion	0	0	0	0

TOTAL FIREARM EXPULSIONS

OFFENSES	West Elementary	East Elementary	Middle School	High School
Expulsions/Modified Expulsions for violations of the firearms policy reported under criminal or violent offenses	0	0	2	0

TRANSPORTATION

As of September 1, 2011



Number of Routes: 9

Total Cost of Regular Route Busing: \$242,282
Cost Per Mile for Bus Operation: \$2.00

Number of Children Transported Daily: 650
Number of Bus Route Miles Each Day: 700

Bus Route Miles Per Year: 121,100
Extracurricular Activity Miles Per Year: 25,590

FOOD SERVICE

Number of Breakfasts Served 2010-11: 36,140
Number of Lunches Served 2010-11: 194,315

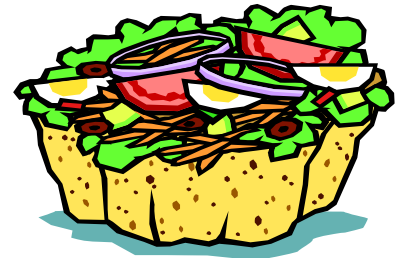
Costs of Meals at Spearfish School District 2011-12

Breakfast

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

Lunch

\$1.90 = Elementary
\$2.40 = Middle School/High School
\$2.90 = Adults

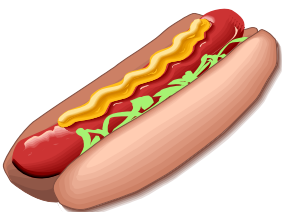


Percentage of Participating Children Eligible to Eat:
26.2% = Free Meals
9.6% = Reduced Price Meals
64.2% = Full Price Meals

Average Daily Participation in Food Service Program:

68% = West Elementary
79% = East Elementary
76% = Middle School
27% = High School

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



AUXILIARY SERVICES OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUILDINGS

	WEST ELEMENTARY	EAST ELEMENTARY	SPEARFISH MIDDLE SCHOOL	SPEARFISH HIGH SCHOOL
Year Built	1965	1924/1961	1992	1979
Recent Improvements	Addition 1987 Office 2004 Upgrade Carpet Security Cameras Power Distribution Upgrade Physical Plant Upgrade New Phone System AC Installation Playground Equipment Parking Asphalt 2011 Multiphase asbestos abatement started Small office added in core area	New Carpet Security Cameras New Playground Equipment 2006 New Phone System New Tile and Lighting Asbestos abatement in hallways, music area and breezeway Installation of new flooring, ceilings and lighting in abated area 2011 - 1924 building sold Breezeway disconnected and remodeled 1961 building vacated	Upgrade Carpet Security Cameras Structural Integrity Upgrade North Entrance Added sidewalks to South exits Outside lighting New Phone System Site Drainage Improvements 2011 gym/multipurpose room reroofed	1985 8 classrooms 1994 kitchen/storage 1995 4 classrooms 1998 2 modular 2000 art addition New tile/carpet Security Cameras Auditorium Catwalk New Phone System Upgrade Sound System 2008 addition gym, locker rooms, student commons, admin. offices, Upgrade security gates, Front entrance concrete expansion, Refurbish 1979 gym floor AC Installation in Kitchen 2011 Science area display case installed, gym stair storage and track entrance repairs
*Annual Building Costs	\$51,230	\$70,404	\$107,264	\$138,684
Building Square Footage	53,797	77,023	97,055	142,662
Number of Students in May, 2011	472	432	421	601
Building Operational Cost Per Square Foot	\$.95	\$.91	\$ 1.11	\$.97
Building Operational Cost Per Student	\$108.54	\$162.97	\$245.78	\$230.76
Square Footage Per Student	114	178	230	237
Computers	173	225	274	875
*Student/Computer Ratio	.4/1	.5/1	.7/1	1.5/1

- * Annual building costs include electricity, gas, water, sewer, and garbage removal.
- * Computers listed include staff computers.

CREEKSIDE ELEMENTARY

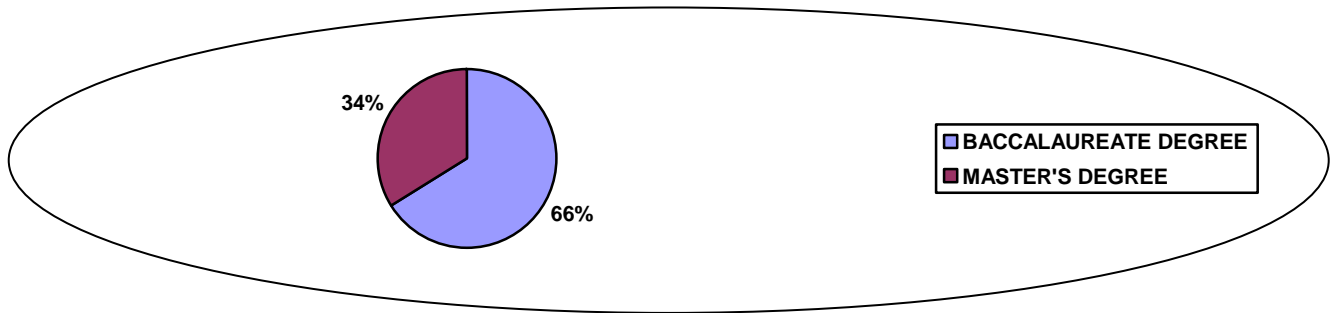


Construction on the Creekside Elementary building was completed during the summer of 2011. It replaces the East Elementary facility and houses 3rd - 5th grade. The building was designed by Williams and Associates and built by Ainsworth Benning Construction Company. The Spearfish School Board, Superintendent Dave Peters, Principal Dan Olson, East Elementary faculty and parents were instrumental in the design and planning of the building.

SPEARFISH SCHOOL DISTRICT FACULTY

CERTIFIED STAFF LEVEL OF EDUCATION

LEVEL OF EDUCATION	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Baccalaureate Degree	95	97	90	98	101	102	108	100
Master's Degree (or higher)	51	45	53	56	51	55	51	51
Total	146	142	143	154	152	157	159	151

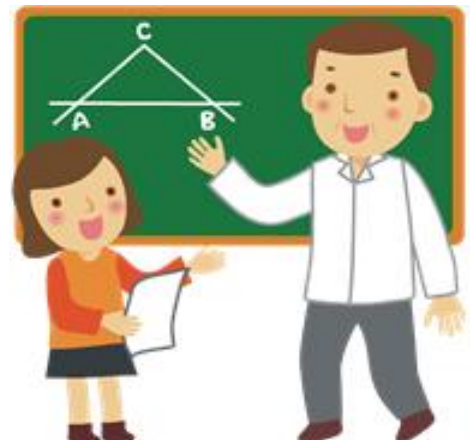


PERCENT OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

2004-05	98.9%
2005-06	98.9%
2006-07	100%
2007-08	100%
2008-09	100%
2009-10	100%
2010-11	100%
2011-12	100%

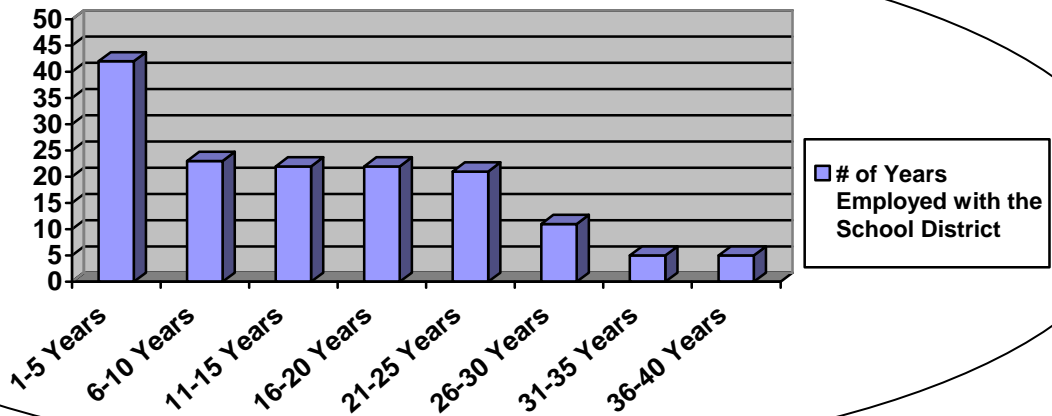
The federal No Child Left Behind Act calls for teachers (both regular and special education) of core academic subjects to be highly qualified. Core subjects include English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, art, economics, history and geography.

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



CERTIFIED STAFF EXPERIENCE

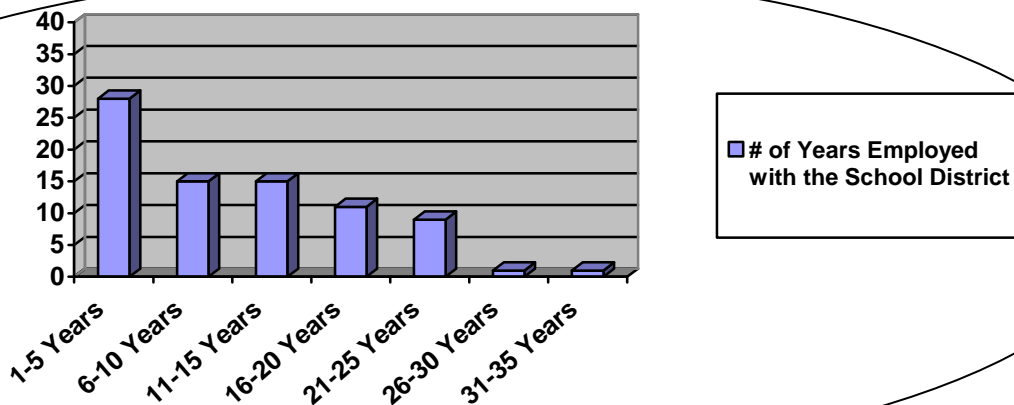
NUMBER OF YEARS EMPLOYED WITH THE SPEARFISH SCHOOL DISTRICT	2011-12
0-5 Years	42
6-10 Years	23
11-15 Years	22
16-20 Years	22
21-25 Years	21
26-30 Years	11
31-35 Years	5
36-40 Years	5
Total	151



CLASSIFIED STAFF EXPERIENCE

NUMBER OF YEARS EMPLOYED WITH THE SPEARFISH SCHOOL DISTRICT	2011-12
0-5 Years	28
6-10 Years	15
11-15 Years	15
16-20 Years	11
21-25 Years	9
26-30 Years	1
31-35 Years	1
Total	80

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



FINANCES OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

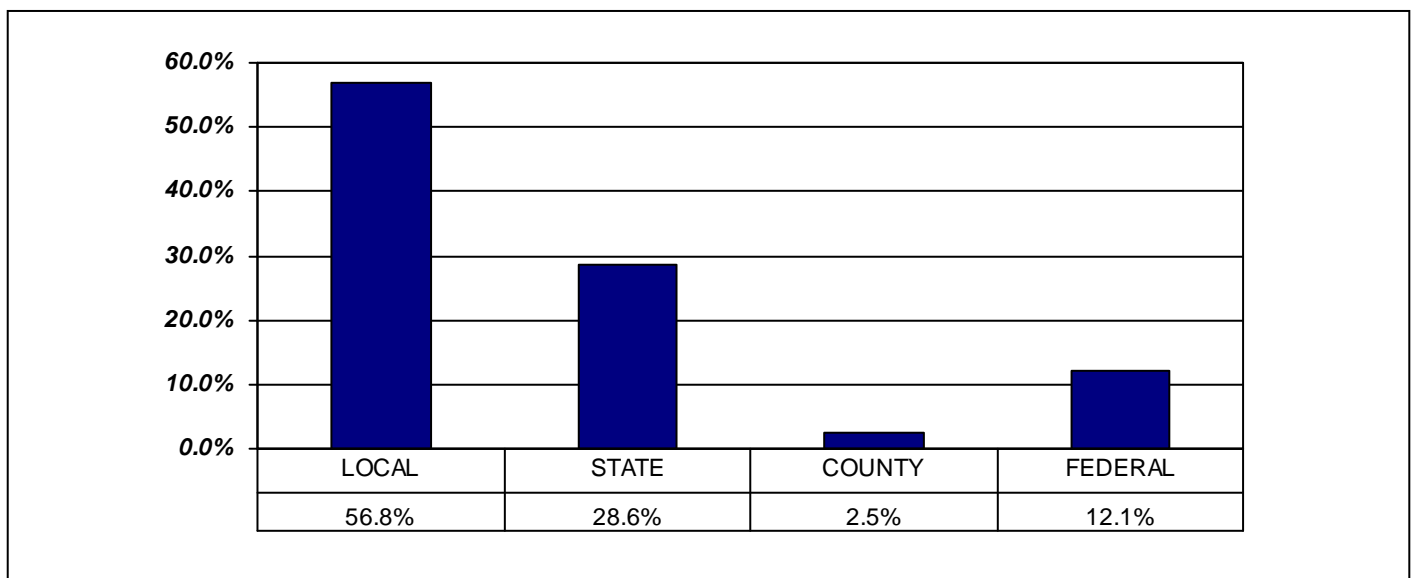
Title I - Disadvantaged
Title II - Teacher
Quality/Technology
Title IV - Safe and Drug Free

RECEIPTS

General Operating Fund
Comparisons of Receipts

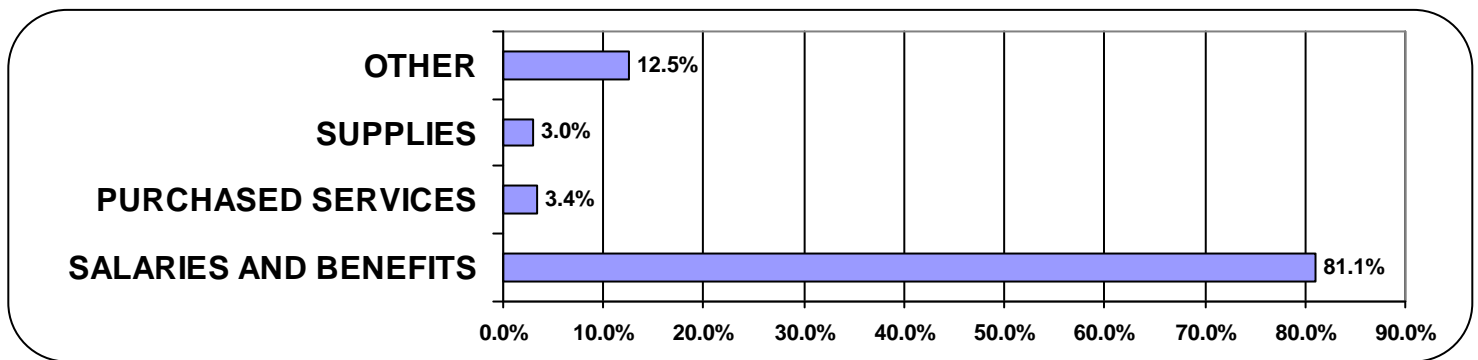
YEAR	LOCAL	COUNTY	STATE	FEDERAL	TOTAL
2001-02	4,472,702	305,471	4,128,403	563,721	9,470,297
2002-03	4,797,646	296,553	3,874,054	710,732	9,678,985
2003-04	4,816,706	327,452	3,933,510	643,346	9,721,014
2004-05	5,698,440	314,935	3,982,222	730,124	*10,725,721
2005-06	5,471,684	347,869	3,840,879	617,647	*10,278,079
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

* Increase in general fund ending balance is due to the sale of the old football field and Central Elementary.



EXPENDITURES

SCHOOL YEAR	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	PURCHASED SERVICES	SUPPLIES	OTHER	TOTAL
2001-02	\$8,279,146	\$246,328	\$292,438	\$1,788,312	\$10,606,224
2002-03	\$8,052,962	\$260,034	\$234,907	\$796,926	\$9,344,829
2003-04	\$8,144,594	\$403,720	\$229,597	\$718,714	\$9,496,625
2004-05	\$8,483,642	\$371,490	\$282,819	\$841,241	\$9,985,192
2005-06	\$8,036,895	\$361,825	\$228,160	\$1,022,758	\$9,649,638
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



GENERAL FUND PER PUPIL COSTS

SCHOOL YEAR	DISTRICT PER PUPIL COST	STATE AVERAGE PER PUPIL COST	STATE FINANCE FORMULA RATE PER PUPIL
2001-02	\$5,077.17	\$5,943	\$3,802.30
2002-03	\$4,594.31	\$6,193	\$3,889.19
2003-04	\$4,808.41	\$6,415	\$3,988.23
2004-05	\$5,123.23	\$6,697	\$4,086.56
2005-06	\$5,691.00	\$6,867	\$4,237.72
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	Not Yet Available	\$4,804.60

CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES

2010-11

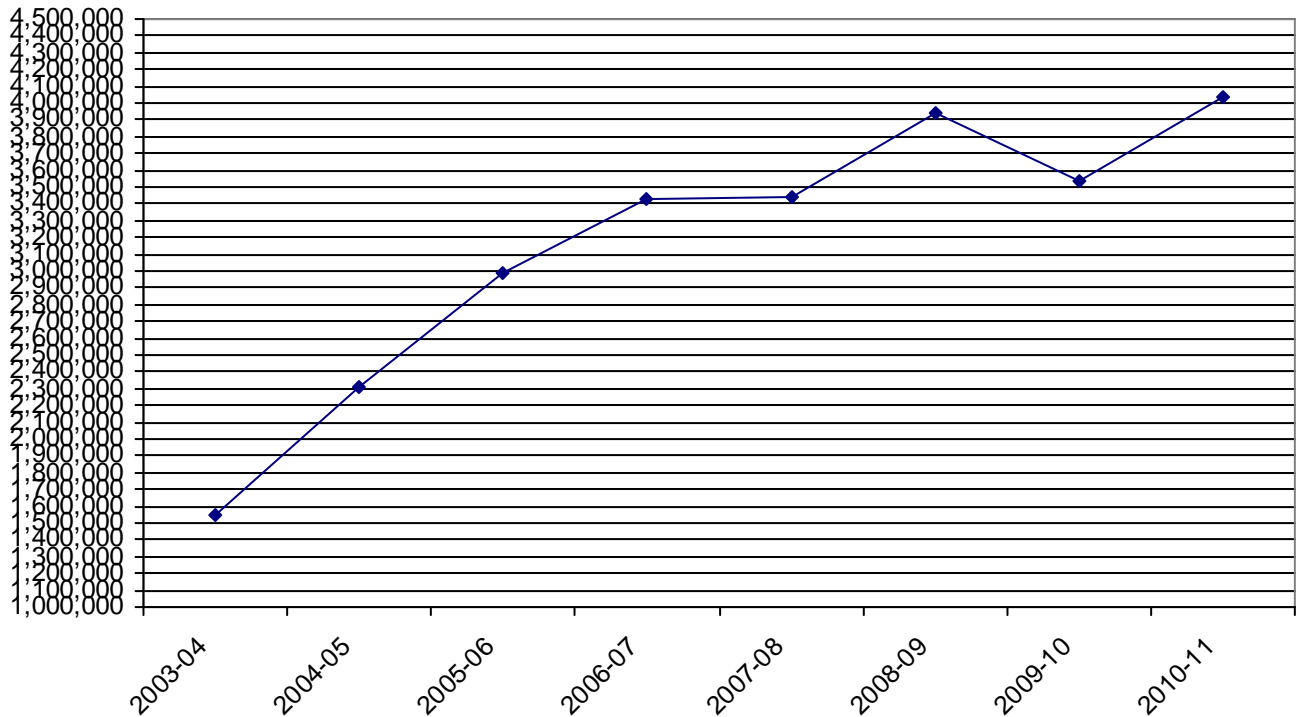
EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Technology	\$241,411
Equipment Purchases	\$292,900
Building/Site Improvements	\$301,056
Textbooks/Transportation	\$404,501
Capital Outlay Certificates	\$1,813,658
Total	\$3,053,526

ENDING BALANCES

SCHOOL YEAR	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL OUTLAY	SPECIAL EDUCATION
2003-04	1,548,191	1,354,534	227,205
2004-05	*2,308,532	1,585,608	301,865
2005-06	2,989,727	2,165,025	378,384
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

**Health Insurance is included in General Fund monies.

GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE



* Increase in general fund ending balance is due to the sale of the old football field and Central Elementary, and the addition of health insurance.

SOLVENCY RATIO

The district's solvency ratio is determined by dividing the ending total balance in the general fund by the total expenditures. A healthy financial solvency ratio is above 15%.

YEAR	SOLVENCY RATIO
2003-04	16.3%
2004-05	* 23.1%
2005-06	* 31.0%
2006-07	* 33.9%
2007-08	* 31.9%
2008-09	* 35.6%
2009-10	* 30.3%
2010-11	* 37.1%

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2010-11 School Highlights

Spearfish High School

- o ACT scores remain above state and national averages.
- o NCA accreditation for the 83rd consecutive year.
- o Seven students received 4H awards.
- o Twelve students were chosen for All State Chorus and Orchestra.
- o Six students were selected for All State Soccer Teams.
- o Two students named as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists and one semifinalist was selected as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program.
- o Three Freshman chorus students were selected to participate in the SD Junior Honor Choir.
- o Key Club "Soles 4 Souls" shoe drive collected 1241 pairs of shoes.
- o Three wrestlers placed at the state wrestling tournament.
- o Four wrestlers were named to the GDC All Conference Team.
- o Debate team won the Gillette Invitational for a fourth year in a row.
- o One student earned Debate All-American status.
- o Ten students placed at National History Day competition.
- o Eight Junior girls were selected to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and sixteen Junior boys were selected to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Boys State.
- o Two students were named as finalists in the United States Presidential Scholars Program.

Spearfish Middle School

- o Student council sponsored a Veterans Day Program. They hosted a celebration for all Veterans of family and friends. Excellent attendance and a great opportunity to express our appreciate for their service to our Country.
- o Physical education department initiated the Drums Alive program.
- o Eighth grade choir performed for the SD State Music Teachers Convention.
- o A student won National Competition for Shakespeare's Take Your Parent Fishing poster.
- o A teacher was recognized by the National Council of Teachers of English for earning the "best of those submitted" on her presentation proposal of "Using Holocaust Survivor Video Testimony to Make Meaning and Share Message in a 21st Century Learning Environment."
- o Science on the Go program was presented for middle school students. The students received a hands on lesson and viewed science from a different perspective.

Spearfish Elementary Schools

- o Third grade students received dictionaries from Kiwanis.
- o Third and Fifth grade students went skiing at Terry Peak.
- o "Pennies for Pets" fundraiser.
- o Mrs. Ewing's music classes performed "Holiday Hoedown."
- o Donuts for Dads and Muffins for Moms drew nearly 550 parents/grandparents/friends.
- o Fire Prevention Assembly.
- o Red Ribbon week and flyover.
- o Fourth and Fifth grade students participated in "Fall Fitness."

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