
In an effort to meet the needs of all students, Spearfish High School offers the following programs that provide enrichment, remediation, and opportunity beyond the standard classroom activities.

Advanced:

- Math Club and Math Contests
- State Art Contest
- Skills USA State and National Contests for Welding, Welding Sculpture, Drafting, and Electronics
- Physics students work with Sanford Underground Lab
- AP History, English and Calculus and Advanced classes in Science
- Rising Scholars English and Physics
- Constitutional Government Class and We the People contest
- Advanced Band (Wind Ensemble)
- Advanced Choir (Concert Choir)
- Web Publisher and Design Advanced Computer offering
- Exploring Computers STEM offering in correlation with BHSU
- Photo contests for Advanced Students
- State Art Competition
- Use of local artists/photographer to evaluate artwork that students wish to enter in the State Art Competition
- SHS winter and spring Art Shows
- Students can retake Photo with increased flexibility and more self-direction
- Offer an "Independent Study Photo class" for a limited number of students who want to take Photo for a second time, but can't fit it into their schedules
- Allow interested Ceramics 1 students the option of taking the class again if they can't fit the Advanced Clay class and an option to take Ceramics 1 again with more flexibility more self-direction with projects
- Provide advanced/interested photo students the opportunity to earn volunteer hours assisting with an annual community Photo workshop (in conjunction with the Fassbender Photo Archive).
- Open studio for students wanting to work early and late
- Allow extra time for students to complete work, when they've taken on large/ambitious projects
- Allow advanced students to complete extra projects and/or try additional techniques
- Coordinate opportunities for advanced and interested photo students to spend time at the BHSU Photo Dept.
- Coordinate with the BHSU Photo Dept. to send one SHS Photo student to the annual "Black Hills Photo Shoot-Out" free of charge (paid for by BHSU Photo Dept.)
- Coordination/Contact with community potters and photographers for advanced students who are interested in knowing more about something specific (portrait photography, photography related careers, prospecting for clay, raku firing, etc.
- Before and after school advancement, lunch meetings to discuss advanced math, alternate assignments for advanced students
- Communication of art-related events in our community, for example, the BHSU "Canon Explorer of Light" photographers (internationally renowned photographers that speak once a year at the university), the annual "Black Hills Photo Shoot-Out," etc.

- Work with the Matthews Opera House on a big community project.
- Upper level students have an opportunity to get involved with the High School Underground Flow Meter Network and the Sanford Underground Research Facility as part of high school physics.
- Science Olympiad

Grade Level:

- Before school, Spartan Time, After school assistance by teacher.
- Spartan Time Remediation classes for Pre-Calc by teacher. (3 provided: Factoring Quadratics, Subtraction and Negative signs, Simplifying Rational and Radical Expressions).
- Tutor (homework helper) list by current and/or previous students
- Remedial (outside the classroom) ESL resources have been used for Spanish Speaking students. Teacher German language background used for German exchange students.
- SOAR study skills for all freshman students
- Outdoor Adventure Literature class for Language Arts credit
- Four approved Perkins curricular areas available for students
- 2 Foreign Languages offered (Spanish 1-4 and French 1-4)
- Each student assigned a 4-year Advisor as an entering freshman
- Black Hills Online class offerings
- Dual Credit Offerings for 11th & 12th grade students in every subject area
- Personalized feedback and expectations for writing students in both freshman writing and creative writing depending on their needs for both remediation and advancement
- In creative writing, choice of novels they read based on interest and reading level.
- Modified Independent Study

Remedial:

- Recorded lessons where students have access to videos online as well as written examples of problems.
- 9th grade literature class offers audio for nearly all selections, especially outside reads, for students who struggle reading.
- Variety of novels to allow more choice for advanced and remedial readers.
- Work with students before and after school
- Giving students one-on-one "extra" guidance/instruction
- Allow extended time (depending on the particular situation) to complete work
- Modify the number of projects due (depending on the situation)
- Modify project requirements (depending on the situation)
- Allow re-submission of a limited number of projects (depending on the situation)
- Allow students who passed (with a "D"), but WANT to take a class again, the opportunity to replace the lower semester grade with a higher semester grade (they only get credit on their transcript for taking the class once)
- Give "incompletes" vs. "F's" to allow students extra time to submit work (if they've been sick, or if something else out of their control has caused them to fall behind)
- TAT process to identify academically at risk students, accommodations made by teachers recommended by committee
- Alternative Schools both on and off campus
- Odysseyware online credit recovery classes
- CABIN availability for struggling students
- Mentoring opportunities in and out of school

- Academic Lifeskills Class
- National Honor Society students used as tutors for struggling students
- Integrated Science
- Inclusion Algebra, Biology and Chemistry
- Before and after school tutoring
- Alternate assignments
- Spartan Time tutoring
- Audio/Online Text Available to all students
- Personalized feedback in lab and science activities
- Variety of labs, student activities, demos, hands-on-opportunities, power points, discussion, and modeling to reach a variety of learning styles
- Modified Assessments

Social-Emotional and Career

- Two counselors are available for students on a walk in basis.
- Students are referred to counselors by staff as needed.
- Game, FCA, and Young Life Clubs
- SADD conference
- Career and Post High Planning Days
- 8th grade transition day(s)
- Individualized Academic Planning as needed