

ANNUAL REPORT

2025-26



Meade School District 46-1



A message from the Superintendent Wayne Wormstadt

This annual report focuses on the results of 2024–25 and celebrates the achievements of our students and staff across Meade School District 46-1. Our students excelled in the classroom and beyond earning strong state assessment results, ACT scores above the state average, and recognition in activities, athletics, and the arts while maintaining high graduation and regular attendance rates. From perfect scores on state science assessments to a Class A State Boys Wrestling Dual Team Championship and multiple teams and performers placing at state competitions, our students represented their schools and communities with pride and perseverance.

We are equally proud of the safe, welcoming, and well-maintained learning environments, innovative opportunities such as our Homeschool Connection Program and our Purple Star designation supporting military-connected families, and the dedicated staff whose expertise and care support every child, every day. With strong school board leadership, investments in facilities, transportation, food service, and technology helped ensure that learning remained accessible and student-centered for all students.

We remain committed to our mission “to build knowledge and skills for success today and tomorrow,” and to partnering with families, military-connected communities, and local stakeholders to help every student learn, lead, and thrive.

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

“Meade School District will work in conjunction with its community to provide excellent academics and co-curricular activities that develop life-long learners and productive citizens.”

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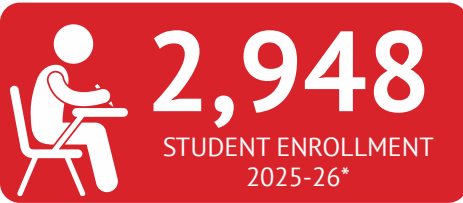


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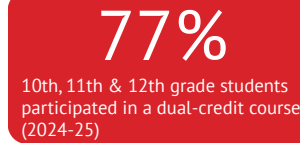


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ENROLLMENT DATA

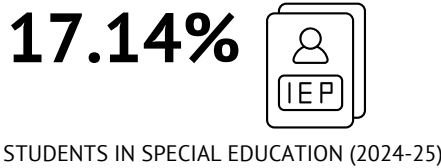


Regular Attendance 2024-25

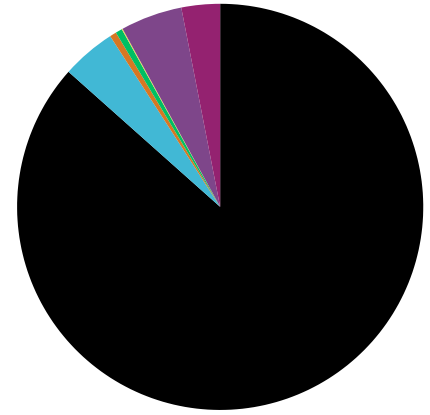


Sturgis Brown High School offered 30 CTE courses encompassing seven career clusters as identified by the SD Department of Education and Department of Labor. Students had the opportunity to participate in Career and Technical Student Organizations – FFA, FCCLA and ProStart.

- 201 students earned the OSHA General-10 Industry Certification
- 20 students earned the ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification
- 18 students earned the ServSafe Food Handler Certification

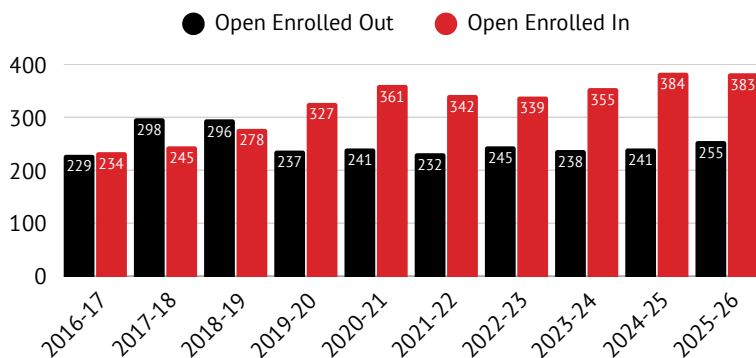
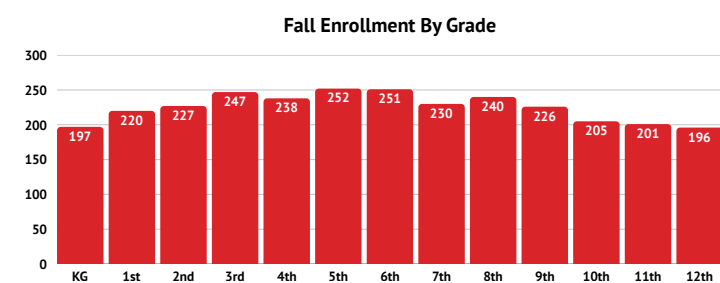
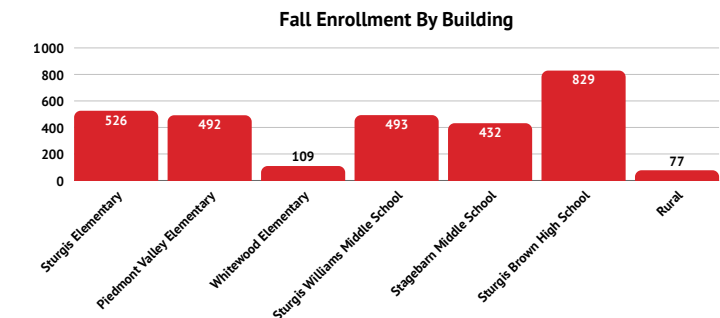
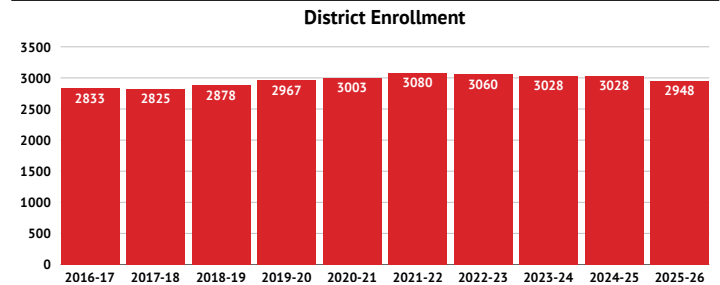


STUDENT DIVERSITY



White	86.58%
Hispanic/Latino	4.31%
Two or More Races	4.91%
Asian	.53%
Black/African American	.53%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3.07%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.07%

*The enrollment tables reflect the number of students enrolled on the last Friday in September 2025.



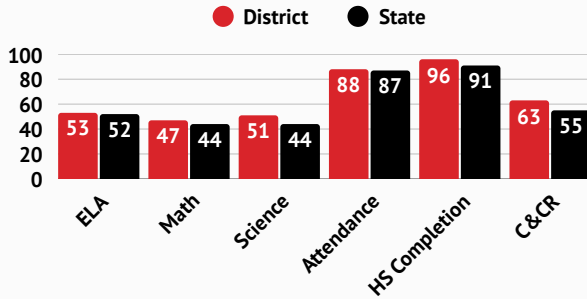
DISTRICT Performance

South Dakota's students take the annual state assessments for the subjects English Language Arts and Mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11 and Science in grades 5, 8 and 11. Student performance measures how well the students performed on the state assessments.

(*obtained from SD Report Card)



Meade School District Performance 2024-25 School Year (% of students)



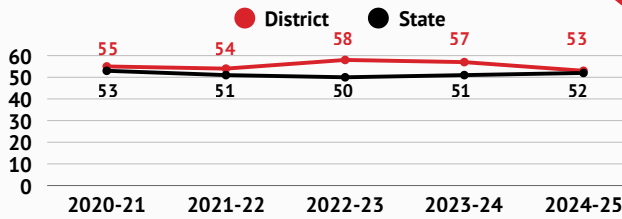
ACT Average Test Scores

(*highest possible score is 36)

District	State	National
22.2	21.1	19.4

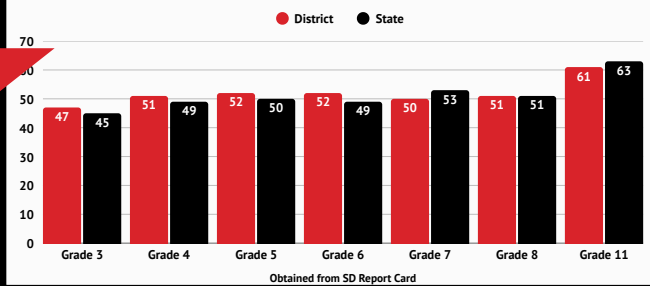
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Meade Longitudinal ELA Performance % Proficient

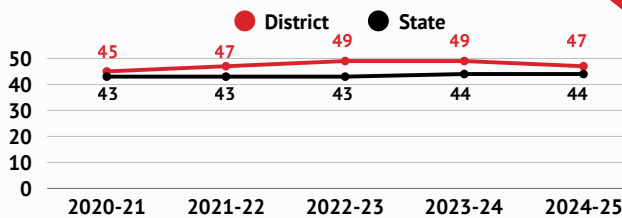


Meade improved in 6 of 11 focus areas!

District ELA Proficiency & State Comparison % Proficient

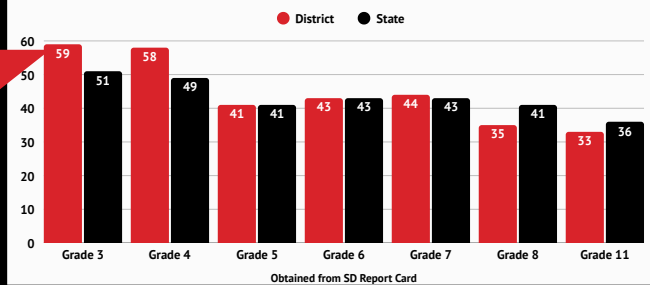


Meade Longitudinal Math Performance % Proficient

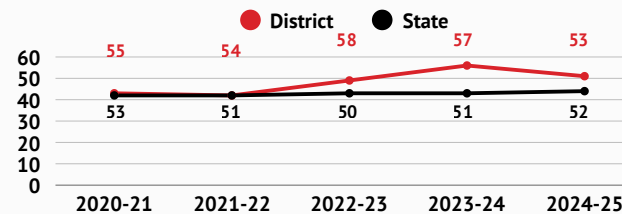


Meade improved in 4 of 10 focus areas!

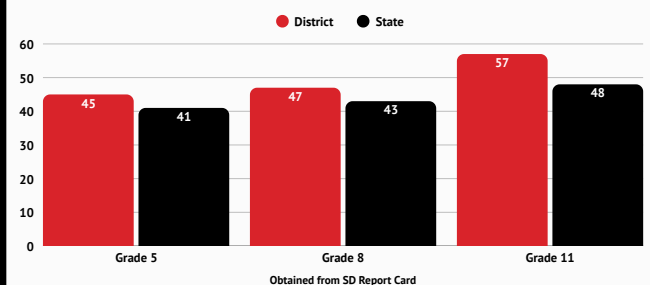
District Math Proficiency & State Comparison % Proficient



Meade Longitudinal Science Performance % Proficient



District Science Proficiency & State Comparison % Proficient



STUDENT RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS



2024-25 Class A State Boys Wrestling Dual & Team Champions



2024-25 Cross Country Boys BH Conference Champions



2024-25 Boys Track BH Conference Champions



2024-25 Competitive Cheer
BH Conference Champions



2024-25 State Champions
Oral Interp. and Debate Team



LEVI DOTEN

RILEY CARLSON

2024-25 SD Science Assessment
SBHS students Riley Carlson and Levi Doten
—earned perfect scores!

ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

(2024-25)

(Grades 9-12)



328

STUDENT ATHLETES



35+

NUMBER OF ATHLETIC TEAMS,
STUDENT CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



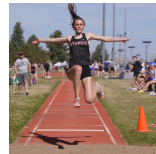
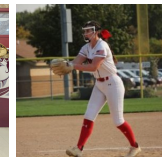
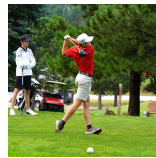
271

NUMBER OF STUDENT
PERFORMANCE/CLUB PARTICIPANTS



93

STATE TOURNAMENT
QUALIFIERS (all activities)



2024-25 SDHSAA Team Academic Achievement Award

STURGIS BROWN SCOOPERS

Athletics • Arts • Leadership

BOYS SPORTS

Basketball • Cross Country • Football • Soccer •
Track & Field • Wrestling

GIRLS SPORTS

Basketball • Competitive Cheer • Cross Country • Golf •
Soccer • Track & Field • Wrestling • Volleyball

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

Debate & Individual Events • One-Act Play •
Oral Interpretation • Student Council

The SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award program is designed to recognize varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups for their academic excellence.

All varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups that achieve a combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher are eligible to receive an SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award.

From Scoop to Sam: The Evolution of a Sturgis Icon



The mascot of Sturgis Brown High School has a long history rooted in the community's identity. Originally, the school's mascot was a scoop shovel, a nod to Sturgis's longtime nickname, "**Scoop Town.**" The scoop shovel proudly represented SBHS through 1975. Today, that original mascot is retired and displayed in the Sturgis Brown High School Counselor's Office as a reminder of the school's early traditions.



In 1976, the school transitioned from an object-based mascot to a personified symbol. Then—Activities Director **Bob Peterson** introduced **Scooper Sam**, giving SBHS a mascot that could more actively represent school spirit and pride. That same year, the mascot was officially registered with the State of South Dakota as "**Scooper Sam/Man with Scoop.**"



As the school and its identity evolved, so did Scooper Sam. In 2012, the mascot was modernized and re-registered as "**Scooper Sam/Crash the Wall.**" This updated version remains the official logo used by Sturgis Brown High School today and reflects a more dynamic and energetic image.



The physical Scooper Sam costume was also updated in 2014 to portray a stronger, more athletic appearance. This enhancement was made possible through the fundraising efforts of **Audrey Schroeder**, who at the time served as secretary to Activities Director **Mike Paris**. Her efforts ensured that Scooper Sam could continue to represent SBHS with pride at events, competitions, and community gatherings.

From its beginnings as a scoop shovel to its current form, **Scooper Sam** represents more than just a mascot. It symbolizes the history, creativity, and enduring school spirit of Sturgis Brown High School.

The original Scooper Sam design was created by SBHS students in the Art Department in 1976, making the mascot a true product of student creativity.

SCHOOL SONG

Minnesota Rouser

Sturgis High School hats off to thee
To our colors true we will ever be
So firm and strong, united are we
RAH RAH RAH RAH
RAH RAH RAH RAH
Hats off to Sturgis High
repeat

MASCOT/COLORS

Mascot – Scooper Sam

Colors – Black & White with red accents
Emblem – "S" and "SS"



DISTRICT MAP & STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

With a student enrollment of **2,948**, Meade School District 46-1 **ranks 9th** in K-12 enrollment among South Dakota's 146 public school districts and is the **largest district in the state** by geographic area, spanning more than 3,100 square miles. This expansive footprint presents both unique opportunities and complex operational challenges, requiring thoughtful coordination of transportation, staffing, and resources to ensure access to educational programs across the district.

Meade School District serves a broad and diverse region that includes the communities of Sturgis, Piedmont, Summerset, and Whitewood, along with five rural, small-community schools—Atall, Central Meade County School, Elm Springs, Hereford, and Opal.

From populated centers to remote rural areas, the district supports students with varied backgrounds, needs, and experiences, while maintaining a consistent commitment to **high-quality instruction and student safety across all schools**.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION



21

Bus routes per day (2024-25)



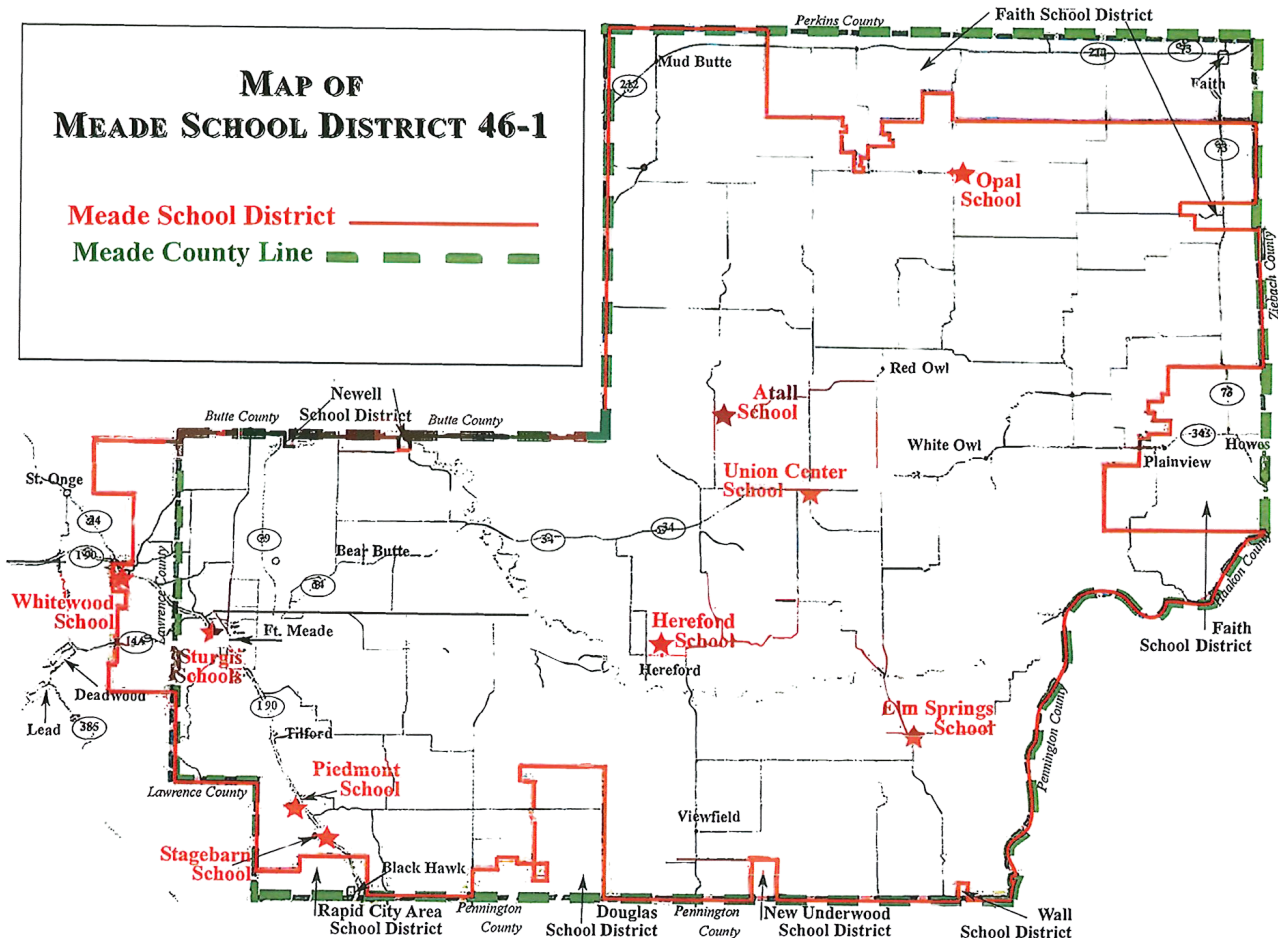
1,200

Total number of students riding bus to and/or from school every day (2024-25)



334,992

Total miles traveled (2024-25)



STAFF RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS

Teacher of the Year 2025



Kayleen Selfridge
Teacher
Piedmont Valley Elementary

Support Staff of the Year 2025



Wendy Johnson
Paraprofessional
Piedmont Valley Elementary

OUR TEAM

226 Certified Teaching Staff
152 Support Staff
4 School Resource Officers
92 Teachers with Advanced Degrees
14 Average Years of Teacher Experience
\$57,646 Average Teaching Salary
\$50,750 2025 Meade School District Starting Teacher Salary



Kattie Bland, Teacher
Stagebarn Middle School
2025 American Legion
SD Educator of the Year



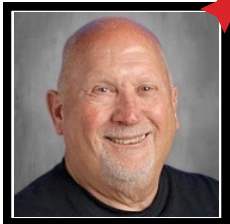
Dr. David Olson, Principal
Stagebarn Middle School
2026 SD Middle School
Principal of the Year



Taylor Erlenbusch
Speech/Language Pathologist
President Elect
2026 SD Speech/Language
Hearing Association



Chad Hedderman, Principal
Sturgis Williams Middle School
2025 Region VII Middle School
Principal of the Year



Steve Hilton, SPED Teacher
Sturgis Brown High School
2025 SD Outstanding Transition
Services Award

SD Association for Career & Technical Education Trade & Industry Division Award Winners August 2025



Cyle Miller, CTE
Welding/Machining
Sturgis Brown High School

Educator of the Year



Cody Lesmeister, CTE
Welding
Sturgis Brown High School

New Teacher of the Year



Dadra Avery
Counselor
Sturgis Brown High School

Counselor of the Year



Coleen Keffeler
Assistant Principal
Sturgis Brown High School

Carl Perkins Community
Service Award



AT A GLANCE

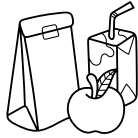
FOOD SERVICE

52,254
Breakfasts
served

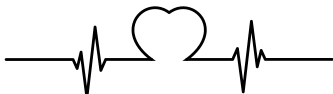
283,220
Lunches
served

29.92%
Enrolled in
Free &
Reduced
Meals

(2024-25)

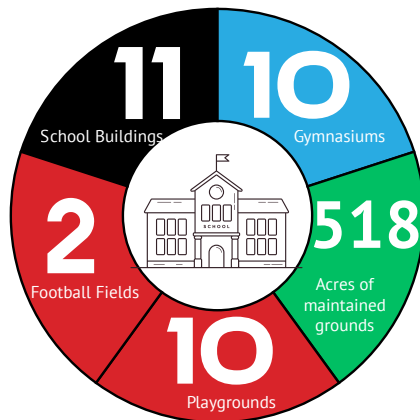


NURSE'S OFFICE



Nurse Office Visits: Average 250 students daily
Hearing Screenings: 1593 students screened
Vision Screenings: 796 students screened
Health Care Plans: 189 student care plans implemented
Dental Bus Student Visits: 69 students seen on Delta Dental Mobile
Growth and Development Talks: 259 students instructed

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



MAINTENANCE & FACILITIES PROJECTS

In addition to the daily tasks that are completed to keep the District functioning properly, the Buildings & Grounds Department successfully managed several other projects during the 2024-25 school year.

Sturgis Elementary

- West End Roof Replacement
- South End Window Recalking
- South End EIFIS

Sturgis Brown High School

- Roof Replacement & Repair

Williams Administrative Building

- HVAC System Replacement and Control Upgrades

District-wide

- Safety of Buildings
- Boiler Room Cleanouts
- Groundskeeping and Maintenance

2024-25 District Completed Projects

Sturgis Brown High School Cafeteria & Commons new addition.
Completed Aug 2024.



Sturgis Brown High School East Gymnasium floor upgrades, new bleachers, new scoreboard, new hoop motors and safety cables.
Completed June 2025.



Sturgis Williams Middle School new front office windows.
Completed June 2025.



Sturgis Williams Middle School
new lockers.
Completed May 2025.



Sturgis Williams Middle School
upgraded entrance doors.
Completed May 2025.

DISTRICT FINANCIALS

The Business Office administers all aspects of the District’s fiscal operations, including the development and management of revenue and expenditure budgets, oversight of purchasing activities, processing bi-weekly payroll, coordination of District insurance coverage, and oversight of tax collections.

During the 2024-25 school year, it cost \$8,286.63 to educate a student in the Meade School District.

REVENUES

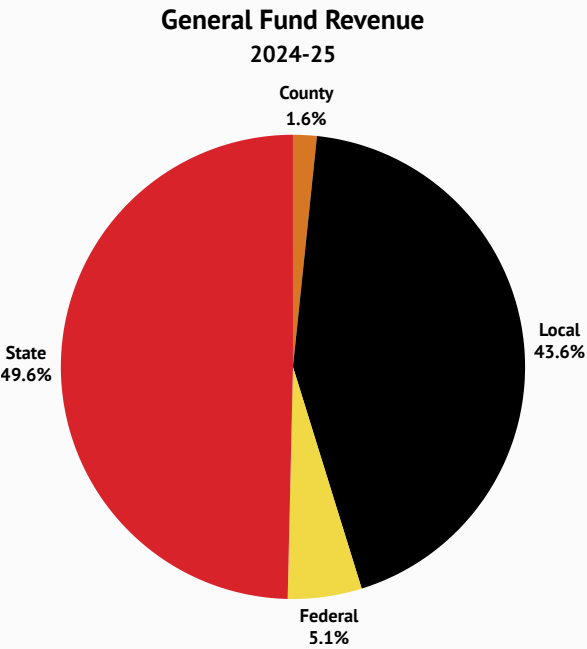
District Revenues 2024-25

General Fund: \$24,822,878.38

Capital Outlay: \$7,180,723.12

Special Education: \$5,748,475.82

Revenue Source	General Fund
Local	\$10,814,004
County	\$409,201
State	\$12,320,831
Federal	\$1,278,842



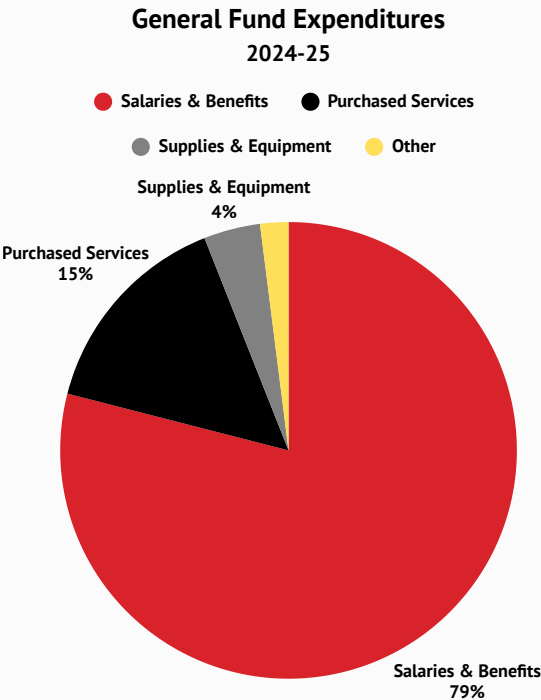
EXPENDITURES

District Expenditures 2024-25

General Fund: \$25,111,464.22

Capital Outlay: \$7,752,781.06

Special Education: \$5,930,062.52



COMMUNICATIONS & DEVELOPMENT

Stay Connected!



Download the **Meade School District, SD** app from the IOS App Store or Android Play Store and enable Notifications.

Social Media

Followers :

- Facebook : 1,332
- Instagram : 296
- Twitter : 64

TOTAL FACEBOOK VIEWS:

677.0K

CONTENT INTERACTIONS:

11.3K

VISITS

35.5K

Period January 1, 2025 - January 1, 2026



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Homeschool Connection Program

The Homeschool Connection Program is dedicated to serving the students and families residing in Meade School District 46-1, offering flexible enrollment options that range from part-time to full-time online, as well as the opportunity for partial in-person enrollment.

Returning Homeschool Connection Program

- 18 students
- 11.55 FTE

Return from SD DOE Altern. Instruction

- 24 students
- 8.8 FTE

From Public School

- 17 students
- 12.6 FTE

Online Courses

In-Person on-site

Blended Combination



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“ This blend of learning has been the perfect combination for our daughter and she is thriving. We are extremely impressed how the hybrid option has been organized and well planned by all staff. There has been excellent communication from her in person teacher as well as her designated homeschool teacher, Mrs. Olson.

Logan & Bethany
Whitewood, SD

”

MILITARY CONNECTED FAMILIES

Purple Star School

MIC3

MILITARY INTERSTATE CHILDREN'S COMPACT COMMISSION

Educating, Advocating, and Collaborating | Thank you for your service!



Meade School District 46-1 is proud to serve families connected to Ellsworth Air Force Base and those who support our nation through military and federal service. Our district spans a large and diverse region, and we are honored to welcome many military-connected students into our schools each year.

The Meade School District proudly maintains Military-Friendly designation across all school buildings, excluding Rural, reinforcing our commitment to military families and the expectation of continued growth in military-connected student enrollment.

For more information, visit our **Military Families webpage** or contact our School Liaison, [Joanne Mulholland](#).

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Military Connected Students (2024-25)

Sturgis Brown High School
5

Sturgis Williams Middle School
1

Stagebarn Middle School
20

Sturgis Elementary School
6

Piedmont Valley Elementary
14





1230 Douglas Street
Sturgis, SD 57785

OUR SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES



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Sturgis Brown High School

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Asst. Principal - Wayne Sullivan
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Sturgis Williams Middle School

Principal - Chad Hedderman
Asst. Principal - Katy Jutting
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Website - www.meade.k12.sd.us/o/swms
Phone (605) 347-5232

Stagebarn Middle School

Principal - David Olson
Asst. Principal - Amanda Christensen
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Sturgis Elementary School

Principal - Chantal Ligtenberg
Asst. Principal - Katy Jutting
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Website - www.meade.k12.sd.us/o/ses
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Piedmont Valley Elementary School

Principal - Ethan Dschaak
Asst. Principal - Amanda Christensen
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Phone (605) 787-5295

Whitewood Elementary School

Principal - Brittan Porterfield
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Central Meade County School

Principal - Shelly Mikkelsen
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Atall Elementary School

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Elm Springs Elementary School

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Hereford Elementary School

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Opal Elementary School

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