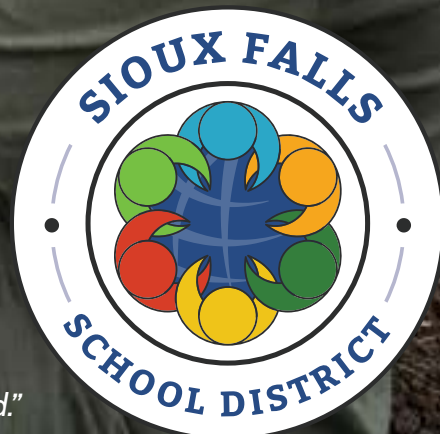
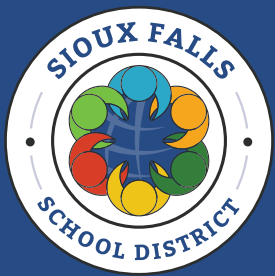


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2023-2024



It is the mission of the Sioux Falls School District
"to educate and prepare each student to succeed in a changing world."



School Board Message

By Carly Reiter, President

As a proud graduate of Roosevelt High School, it is my great honor to serve as President of the Sioux Falls School Board for the 2023-24 school year. Public service is challenging at times but always rewarding. As mother of a recent Lincoln graduate and a current high school student, my greatest interest is in creating exceptional public schools and programs for my children and yours. As an elected Board representing our community, we make sure taxpayers are receiving the greatest return on their investment in education. We are extremely proud of the high standards, rigor, dedicated staff, and community partnerships that produce high-achieving students equipped for their futures; whether that be in the workforce, at a post-secondary institution, or while honorably serving in the military. Most importantly, each of our 35 schools is developing strong leaders, effective communicators, and engaged citizens. Whether your role is future, current, past parent or guardian, or proud community member of the Sioux Falls School District, I hope you will take some time this year to engage with the school, staff, and students in your neighborhood. We are better when we come together to cultivate the next generation.

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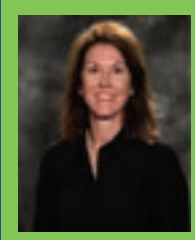
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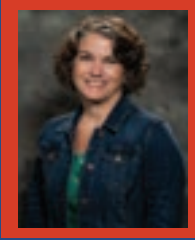
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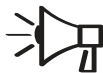
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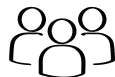
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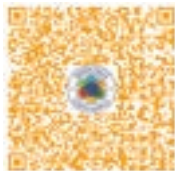


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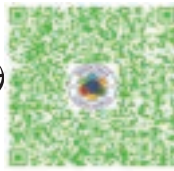


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Building Contacts



District Calendar



Important Annual Notifications



Teach. Learn. Grow. SFSD.



See how we are cultivating the future!

SFSD Priorities:

- >Academic Achievement
- >Staff Excellence
- >Community Engagement
- >Well-Being
- >Effective Use of Resources

What's New

New Elementary Coming Soon

Gravel roads once dotted with slow-moving farm equipment are a thing of the past in northwest Sioux Falls. Acres of sprawling fields now yield rows of houses instead of corn. Growth is driving the need for the Sioux Falls School District's 25th elementary school. The new school will sit on the southeastern portion of property near George McGovern Middle School, neighbored by Fire Station #11. Green spaces provide a park option for year-round neighborhood accessibility. The \$19.2 million 83,000 square foot school uses the current Sonia Sotomayor plan, with a few modifications, and makes room for 680 Kindergarten-5th grade students. The project is the final project of the \$190 Million Bond passed by 85% of voters in 2018. The addition of the school takes pressure off of other westside elementary schools. Attendance boundaries for the new school will be decided with community input Spring-Fall 2024. The school will open in August 2025.



Streamlined School Connections



In today's fast-paced, tech-driven world, accessing schoolwork anytime, anywhere is important to students. This fall, the District is implementing a Learning Management System (LMS) called Canvas to ensure consistency of access and experience for students and families, regardless of school or grade-level. Canvas replaces SeeSaw, Schoology, and Google Classroom and streamlines systems to track each student's academic goals and progress, show their own learning, and receive important feedback. The LMS helps facilitate student participation in online discussions, promotes collaboration among peers, and offers the ability to submit assignments digitally. Parents/Guardians will have access as "observers" in order to monitor assignments and expectations. Watch for more details soon!

Athletic Training



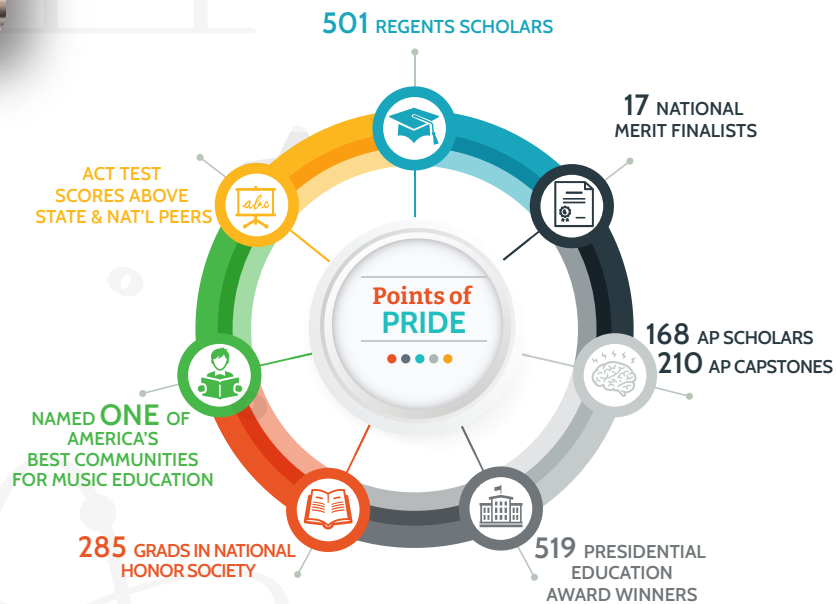
Strain, sprain, or break. No athlete wants to hear those words from the trainer. Injury and concussions are a reality in sports and in life and SFSD is doing its part to encourage students to consider a career in this critical shortage area. This fall, students at each high school can explore *Introduction to Athletic Training*, a class focused on physiology, mechanisms of injury, concussion protocols, taping and wrapping injuries, and basic medical assessment techniques. Students will gain hands-on experience working with a certified athletic trainer in gyms, on fields, and under professional guidance. Athletic trainers already on staff are funded through partnerships with Avera, Orthopedic Institute, and Sanford. Trainers recently earned CTE teaching certifications with the SD Dept of Ed and will add this important career pathway to the District's already robust Health Services offerings. This opportunity serves as one of the many examples of community partnerships that impact students immediately and well into their futures.

Airforce JROTC at Roosevelt



Aiming high-looking up! Students at Roosevelt High School are pushing themselves to new heights as members of the inaugural Air Force JROTC program. Under the instruction of retired USAF Officer Major Eric Johnson, students are challenged with leadership experiences, strength and fitness tasks, and a host of science and rocketry principles. Senior Master Sergeant Katie Neely is the Aerospace Science Instructor. This teaching team also brings passion and commitment to help students understand chain of command and pride for self and country. The first year of the program culminated with the inaugural AFJROTC Awards and Change of Command Ceremony, where 26 cadets were recognized for their hard work and where the tone was set for the future Corps of cadets at RHS. Army JROTC is offered at Washington and Marine Corps JROTC is offered at Lincoln.

Points of Pride



Supporting Cultures & Traditions



Graduation is the ultimate goal for every student. The District is strengthening cultural connections to support Native American students in their educational journey. With input from families, elders, and tribal officials, SFSD is wrapping resources around these students to encourage their dreams and make success a reality.

Cultivating Our Future



Greetings Parents, Staff, Students, and Stakeholders in the SFSD!

I am honored to start my fourth year as Superintendent of the Sioux Falls School District. Exciting developments are taking place in our schools as we strive to become the "BEST school district in the nation." Our chosen theme for this academic year is "Cultivate," a word deeply ingrained in the hearts of Midwesterners. This word holds great significance for several reasons.

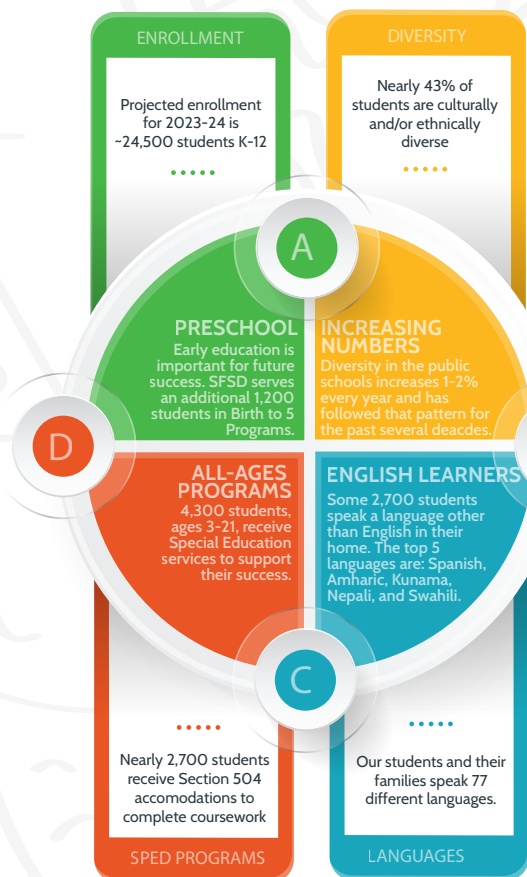
Educators plant the seeds of knowledge, enabling students to grasp how academic concepts relate to real-life applications. Our dedicated staff nurtures our learners, providing support as they grow and ultimately celebrate their successful graduation. Witnessing the remarkable journey of a student's development is truly awe-inspiring. However, we recognize that we cannot accomplish this work alone. Our invaluable community partners, both organizations and individuals, have wholeheartedly joined us in expanding incredible opportunities for our students here in Sioux Falls. I encourage you to take a moment to discover and understand our "why" for everything we do. Every day, our passionate staff is eager to provide the highest quality educational experiences to our students. Technology, real-world experiences, critical thinking, and solid foundational skills are crucial components that shape our students' future success and contribute to the overall health of our city, state, and nation. We are committed to cultivating the future workforce, leaders, and innovators of tomorrow. Thank you for your continued partnership and support of the Sioux Falls School District as we grow to the future.

My Sincerest Thanks,
Dr. Jane Stavem
Superintendent

Our "Why"

OUR DEMOGRAPHICS

The Sioux Falls School District is diverse, growing, and striving to be the BEST in the nation. We do that by analyzing, adapting, facing challenges head-on, and measuring success.



Attendance Matters.
Every Student. Every Day.
The world is waiting for them.

Students Get Back to Their Roots



While traditional classroom learning has obvious benefits, digging in the dirt and returning to the agricultural roots of our ancestors is also popular with today's students. Elementary schools have gardens. High schools have green houses. This spring, the Career and Technical Education Academy even welcomed a flock of quails and 14 piglets! Agricultural Leadership, Horticulture and Landscaping, and Ag BioTech are among the new CTE offerings available to expose students to potential future career paths. CTE also offers advanced courses and certifications in Finance, Health Sciences, Aviation, Construction, Auto, and much more.

After-School Model Answers Need

Structured, safe, after-school care is coming to an elementary school near you. The District is revamping what was previously Kids Inc. and partnering with area non-profits to implement the Community Learning Center (CLC) Model at all public elementary schools. The CLC Model is an educational framework that uses neighborhood schools as a central gathering place for students, families, and community members. Enrollment is required. The District, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire, EmBe, Volunteers of America-Dakotas, and YMCA will offer enhanced programming for Kindergarten-5th grade students, with future growth in the middle and high schools. Funding previously spent on transportation to off-site locations now makes it possible for more students to qualify for scholarships to participate in the program at their own school. Students receive academic enrichment opportunities along with activities designed to complement what is taught during the traditional school day. Support includes:

- art
 - music
 - mentoring
 - sports, and
 - tutoring/homework help
 - community service and
 - science and technology programs
- More info can be found at: <https://www.sf.k12.sd.us/page/after-school>