

KINDLE'S KORNER

Dr. Wayne Kindle, Superintendent

Yankton School District

Yankton High School Graduation – Congratulations Class of 2025!

Graduation

Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Yankton High School Gymnasium

Class Colors: Red and Black

Class Flower: Tulip

Class Motto: "Not defined by the path, but by the steps we take."

Cap & Gown Color: Black

Tassel Color: Red, White, and Black

After Prom

We have a terrific group of parents who organized and worked the YHS After Prom Party for our students. Thank you to all of these parents and volunteers who provided an excellent venue of entertainment for the After Prom Party. A special thank you to businesses and individuals who supported the After Prom Party with donations, merchandise, prizes, etc...

Yankton High School Awarded Perkins Grant

Yankton High School has been awarded a \$45,000 grant through the South Dakota Perkins Reserve Fund to enhance its' Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. The grant will fund the purchase of an Accu Mini 1313 fiber laser cutting machine, which will replace outdated plasma cutting equipment currently used in the Welding Technology and Advanced Welding Technology courses. This cutting-edge tool, commonly used in modern manufacturing, will give students direct experience with the same technology found in local industries like Manitou and Aztec. Students will also strengthen skills in precision cutting, computer programming, and applied mathematics, making our program more relevant, rigorous, and aligned with industry needs.

The Welding Technology classes, taught by Mr. Bret Johnson and Mr. Jason Yaggie, provide students with hands-on experience in metal fabrication, blueprint reading, and welding safety, preparing them for high-demand careers in manufacturing and skilled trades.

As outlined in the YHS course handbook, students begin by learning the safe use of an oxyacetylene torch, wire feed welding, and engine lathe operation in Welding Technology, then progress in Advanced Welding Technology to advanced lathe and milling work, CNC programming, and arc/gas welding processes. These courses offer both foundational and advanced skill development for students considering technical college, apprenticeships, or direct entry into the workforce.

With this new equipment, YHS is investing in equitable access to real-world tools and training that will prepare approximately 80 students annually for competitive opportunities in the 21st-century workforce.

Yankton School District's Grab-N-Go Summer Food Program

The Yankton School District Summer Food Program will be offering Grab N Go meals this summer and will run from May 30th through August 1st!

The Grab N Go meal program will be distributed from the Yankton Middle School cafeteria from 11am-1pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. Tuesday's sack will contain 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches and Friday's sack will contain 4 breakfasts and 4 lunches! Along with the meals, fresh fruits and vegetables and a variety of milk and juice will all be included! Parents need to complete a registration form if they will be picking up meals for their children. This registration form can be found at: <https://forms.gle/XZhXNp1F9WzuxNh49>

The Summer Food Program is free for any child 18 years old and younger in our community regardless of income.

Yankton Middle School – 2000 Mulberry Street on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11-1pm

School Board Meetings

Yankton School District Board Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of the month beginning at 5:00 pm. Yankton School Board Meetings are held at the Yankton School District Administration Building in the School Board Meeting Room.

School board meetings are live-streamed, as well as recorded and re-aired on public access channels on our local cable television. The meetings are also archived on the YSD Website <https://www.ysd.k12.sd.us/o/ysd/page/video-archive>

The public is welcome to attend.

Superintendent Presentations

Thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me to lead the Yankton School District. You are welcome to contact me at any time to visit. I would be happy to visit with you personally or speak to your group/organization.

I am also willing to host your group at our Administration Building or one of our school buildings. I would also come to your facility or meeting place.

If there is a specific topic you would like for me to address in the future, please call me at 665-3998 or email me at wayne.kindle@k12.sd.us

Henry Ford stated, **“Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is a process. Working together is a success**