

Kindle's Korner

by

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School Attendance Is Very Important

Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade

By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student may drop out of high school.

Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance.

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

Increased education leads to higher earnings over the course of a lifetime.

Median lifetime earnings for someone who does not graduate from high school is \$1.2 million.

For someone who does earn a high school diploma, that number jumps to \$1.6 million

Yankton School District Snapshot

- 505 full-time/part-time employees
- Teachers, Substitute Teachers, Cooks, Custodians, Maintenance, Paraprofessionals, Librarians, PT, OT, Counselors, Deaf Interpreter, School Psychologists, Bus Drivers, Administrative Assistants, Nurses and Administration
- 16 Bus Routes
- 8 Facilities
- Alternative Learning Center at YHS
- 2761 Students
- 196 Pre-school Students (not part of the 2761)
- (No State Aid for Pre-school Students)
- 424 IEP/SPED Services (Included in the 2761)
- 1757 Households
- 40% of Students Free and Reduced Lunches
- 14 Years Teachers' Average Years of Teaching Experience
- 24 Years Administration Average Years of School Administration Experience
- 53 % of Teachers with Advanced Degrees
- 100% of Admin with Advanced Degrees
- 3rd Largest Employer in Yankton with 505 combined full-time/part-time employees

(Avera Sacred Heart Hospital & HSC top two)

Stay Connected With YSD During the 2026-27 School Year

Use the app to access lunch menus, district and school news, Infinite Campus, staff information, calendar events, and even emergency notifications, right from your pocket.

Please join us by downloading the YSD app:

iPhone: <https://apple.co/35Y84s6>

You may also search “Yankton School District” in the App Store or Google Play to stay up to date with news, events, notifications, and more — all at your fingertips.

 Website: www.ysd.k12.sd.us
 Facebook: @YanktonSchoolDistrict
 Instagram: @yanktonschooldistrict
 X: @YanktonSchools

See Something Say Something

- **“See Something Say Something”** is a national campaign to raise public awareness regarding school and public safety
- Reporting suspicious activity
- Empowering the public, students, parents etc... on the importance of reporting suspicious activity
- Yankton School District has participated for several years
- Signs posted throughout the Yankton School District
- Reporting to any school staff and School Resource Officers
- Reporting to Law Enforcement
- Calling 911

“Peachjar “Communication

The Yankton School District implemented a great new communication tool called “Peachjar.” The link is attached below. When you go to this site you will have options to view flyers/information for each YSD school. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s attendance center office. <https://www.ysd.k12.sd.us/page/peachjar>

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>

Superintendent Presentations

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

I would be happy 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**