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Dr. Wayne Kindle, Superintendent

Yankton School District

2025-2026 School Year

Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year and Happy 150th birthday to the Yankton School District, which was established in 1875!

On behalf of the Yankton School District, it is my pleasure to welcome you to a new school year filled with opportunity, growth, and continued excellence in education. We are especially proud to mark this year with the opening of Trailhead Learning Center, our brand-new early learning center dedicated to serving our Preschool through Kindergarten students. Trailhead represents more than just a new building — it reflects our commitment to providing a strong foundation for our youngest learners in a space designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning.

At Yankton School District, we are driven by a commitment to excellence in education. We strive to create learning environments where every student can reach their fullest potential — academically, socially, and emotionally. This work is only possible through strong partnerships between families, schools, and our broader community. Communication and collaboration are at the heart of everything we do, and we know that working together benefits all students.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. It is a responsibility we take to heart. Together, we will make this a remarkable year for every student in the Yankton School District.

Here's to a fantastic 2025-2026 school year!

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 on the importance of reporting suspicious activity and any concern regarding bullying/mistreatment/harassment
- Yankton School District has participated for several years
- Signs are posted throughout the Yankton School District
- Reporting to any school staff and/or School Resource Officers
- Reporting to Law Enforcement
- Calling 911

Bullying

Bullying may happen one time or it may be a pattern of repeated actions that cause physical or emotional distress to one or more individuals. This may include verbal or written threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, theft, destruction of property, or actions that place reasonable fear of harm to individuals, their property or interfere with learning.

Please never hesitate to contact your child's school immediately if you have concerns. We want to hear from you and assure the safety and well-being of our children.

Each school also has an online reporting system available. A person chooses their child's school on the Yankton School District website and then the "Principal" tab. Once in the Principal section, scroll towards the bottom of the page to the Bully Reporting Forms.

If a parent feels their concern was not addressed at the building level, please call me at 665-3998. I would welcome a visit with you about your concerns and to address any unresolved issues.

Stay Connected With YSD During the 2025-26 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
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Golden Lifetime Activity Pass Beyond Successful

Residents of the Yankton School District who are 65 years of age and above may obtain a Golden Lifetime Activity Pass. The pass allows for free admission into all Yankton School District regular season activities.

The **Golden Lifetime Activity Pass** may be obtained at the Yankton School District Administration Building. Those wishing to obtain the pass must show an I.D. with birthdate and residence verification. A driver's license would suffice as an I.D.

We have provided over 1500 Golden Lifetime Activity Passes since we began the program! This is a terrific way to get involved with the Yankton School District and enjoy a number of wonderful activities!

School Board Meetings

Yankton School District Board Meetings are routinely 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 always 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 come to your 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**