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Dr. Wayne Kindle, Superintendent

Yankton School District

2026-2027 School Year

On behalf of the Yankton School District, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2026-2027 School Year filled with opportunity, growth, and continued excellence in education.

As we begin another exciting year, we are proud to serve students across our district's outstanding schools. Our youngest learners begin their educational journey at Trailhead Learning Center, serving Preschool through Kindergarten students in a state-of-the-art learning environment designed to foster curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning. Students then continue their education at Beadle, Lincoln, and Stewart Elementary Schools, which serve grades 1-5, before advancing to Yankton Middle School and ultimately Yankton High School.

This year is especially meaningful as Beadle Elementary School celebrates its 100th anniversary! For a century, Beadle has been an important part of the Yankton community, educating generations of students and leaving a lasting impact on countless families. Mr. Mitzel and his staff are planning some great events. We look forward to celebrating this milestone and honoring the school's rich history throughout the year.

At the Yankton School District, we remain dedicated to providing high-quality educational experiences that prepare students for success in school and beyond. Our talented staff work each day to create engaging learning environments where students can grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We believe every student has unique strengths and potential, and we are committed to helping each one achieve their personal best.

Strong partnerships among families, schools, and our community remain essential to student success. We value open communication and collaboration and appreciate the support and involvement of our parents, guardians, and community members. Together, we create opportunities that help all students reach their goals.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. It is a privilege and responsibility we take seriously. We look forward to working alongside you to make the 2026-2027 school year a rewarding and memorable experience for every student.

Best wishes for a successful and inspiring school year!

Summer Food Program

Summer Food wrapped up last week. Over 68,000 meals were distributed to children! We want to thank the community for supporting this amazing program. If you didn't stop in for meals this summer- join us next year!

HB 1082

With the passing of SD House Bill 1082, those families who qualify under the reduced priced meal category will now receive meals at no charge! This impactful bill will help many families in Yankton and across South Dakota. If you have any questions on Free or Reduced priced meals or need help completing an application, please contact the Child Nutrition office at 605-665-8379.

A special thank you to Rep. Mike Stevens for supporting this very important bill, helping our families navigate through some challenging times.

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.

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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 2100 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!

Booster Club

The YHS Athletic Booster club has kicked off its 2026–2027 membership drive and Midco Raffle event. The YHS Athletic Booster Club supports high school athletes in many ways such as meals for away games and money to each team to purchase extra equipment. They also contribute to larger projects like the video boards at Crane Youngworth and YHS gym. They purchased new tables and benches for the tennis courts, as well as new team chairs for the gym renovation. Please support the YHS Athletic Booster Club and help them continue giving to our athletes by purchasing raffle tickets and getting your yearly Booster Club membership: <http://yhsboosterclub.org>

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**

