



YANKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 2025

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

2410 West City Limits Rd.
Yankton, SD 57078



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BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Classes begin for students in grades 1-12 on Monday, August 18.

Trailhead Learning Center & Elementary School Information

Preschool, JrK, and Kindergarten students' parents will receive a letter in the mail with an orientation time after Friday, August 6. Contact the building secretary if you do not receive notice of your scheduled orientation time by August 12.

Thursday, August 14 - 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Trailhead Learning Center and Elementary Schools Open House

Monday, August 18

1st-5th Grade - First day of school
Preschool, JrK, and Kindergarten Orientation

Tuesday, August 19

Preschool Orientation

Tuesday, August 19 or Wednesday, August 20

First day for JrK and Kindergarten

Wednesday, August 20 or Thursday, August 21

First day of Preschool

Yankton Middle School Information

Monday, August 11 - 4:00 - 6:00 pm

6th Grade Orientation

Teachers will schedule a time and will be in contact with parents

Tuesday, August 12 - 5:00 - 6:00 pm

7th & 8th Grade Open House

**Schedules will NOT be given out before orientation date

Yankton High School Information

Freshman Class 2029

Freshman Parent and Freshman Orientation Meeting
Tuesday, August 5, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Schedule Pickup

Senior Class of 2026

Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Junior Class of 2027

Thursday, August 7, 8:00 - 4:00 PM

Sophomore Class of 2028

Thursday, August 7, 8:00 - 4:00 PM

Annual Student Activity Passes can be purchased and lunch deposits can be made at these times. Use separate checks for lunch deposits and activity tickets, please.

Superintendent's Message



Dr. Wayne Kindle, Superintendent

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!

Presentations

As Superintendent, I would be happy to visit with you personally or speak to your group/organization. Please feel free to contact me at 665-3998 to arrange a time to visit. I can also be contacted using my email at wayne.kindle@k12.sd.us

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X: @YanktonSchools

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

2025-2026 Yankton School District Administrators

Administration Building 2410 West City Limits Rd

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Yankton High School 1801 Summit Street

Mr. Todd Dvoracek – Principal
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Mr. Shaun Streyle – Assistant Principal
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605-665-8369 ryan.mors@k12.sd.us

Yankton Middle School 2000 Mulberry Street

Dr. Heather Olson – Principal
605-665-2419 heather.olson@k12.sd.us
Mr. Matt Decker – Assistant Principal
605-665-2419 matt.decker@k12.sd.us

Trailhead Learning Center 3000 Highland Drive

Mrs. Melanie Ryken – Principal
605-260-5400 melanie.ryken@k12.sd.us

Beadle Elementary School 1214 Mulberry Street

Mr. Carey Mitzel – Principal
605-665-2282 carey.mitzel@k12.sd.us

Lincoln Elementary School 815 Locust Street

Mrs. Amy Smit – Principal
605-665-7392 amy.smit@k12.sd.us

Stewart Elementary School 208 West 21st Street

Mr. Cody Lukkes – Principal
605-665-5765 cody.lukkes@k12.sd.us



New Staff Members 2025-2026



Allison Raus
Art
Yankton Middle School



Amber Beltrand
Spanish
Yankton Middle School



Tony Beste
Social Studies
Yankton High School



Tyler Bloch
CTE
Yankton Middle School



Rachel Christensen
2nd Grade
Lincoln School



Kylie Cwach
Math
Yankton Middle School



Caden Feit
Math
Yankton Middle School



Jayden Hohn
Social Studies
Yankton Middle School



Emma Jarovski
1st Grade
Stewart School



Rachel Johnson
Special Education
Stewart School



Tracy Kopejtko
2nd Grade
Lincoln School



Madison Ljunggren
Kindergarten
Trailhead Learning Center



Erin Lundberg
Special Education
Lincoln School



Molly McCloud
5th Grade
Lincoln School



Reka Nelson
4th Grade
Lincoln School



Janet Neuhaus
1st Grade
Lincoln School



Amy Smit
Principal
Lincoln School



Evan Steiner
5th Grade
Stewart School



Paige Steiner
1st Grade
Stewart School



Collin Waltner
ELA
Yankton High School

Yankton School District Preschool



Tuition Free Preschool

Where the Journey Begins

Learning doesn't begin in Kindergarten; it begins at birth. Long before a child can speak, the acquisition of language skills is taking place. Those language skills play a critical role in the ability to read. The years between ages 3-5 are prime years for language instruction. They are also prime years for gaining the knowledge needed for future learning



CALENDAR and SCHEDULE

Preschool will follow the regular school calendar, so your preschooler will have the same days off as the other elementary school students in the district.

3-year-old Preschool is on Tuesday/Thursday or Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8:35–11:15 am.

4-year-old Preschool is on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:35–11:15 am, Monday-Friday from 8:35–11:15, or Monday-Friday from 12:35–3:15 pm.

Trailhead Learning Center

3000 Highland Drive
Mrs. Melanie Ryken – Principal
(605)260-5400..... melanie.ryken@k12.sd.us



Registration Fee

A \$50 registration fee is due upon registering your child. Once your child is enrolled and begins JrK or Kindergarten in the Yankton School District, you will receive the registration fee back.

Trailhead Learning Center & Elementary Schools

Preschool - 5th Grade



Mr. Carey Mitzel
Beadle Elementary Principal



Mrs. Amy Smit
Lincoln Elementary Principal



Mr. Cody Lukkes
Stewart Elementary Principal



Mrs. Melanie Ryken
Trailhead Learning Center Principal

Welcome to all new and returning families for the 2025-2026 school year! We have three elementary schools within the Yankton School District that serve students in First through Fifth grades at Beadle, Lincoln, and Stewart Elementary Schools. Additionally, YSD's new early childhood facility, Trailhead Learning Center, will serve Preschool, Jr. K and Kindergarten.

Beadle, Lincoln, Stewart, and Trailhead offer a high-quality curriculum taught by highly educated teachers. All of our schools are Title I schools, providing reading and math intervention services to support student learning. We also offer special education programs designed to accommodate students with disabilities to help them reach their fullest potential.

Teachers regularly integrate technology into their lessons using a variety of devices and tools. All students have opportunities to engage with Promethean boards, Chromebooks, and iPads to enhance their learning experience.

Our elementary schools provide a variety of programs in addition to core academic content, including Girls on the Run, Big Friend/Little Friend mentoring, Boys & Girls after-school tutoring, Band, and Orchestra, to name a few. Each school also promotes student leadership through opportunities such as Student council where students can serve their peers and school communities.

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 14 • 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Annual Student Activity Passes can be purchased, and lunch deposits can be made on this night. Please use separate checks for lunch deposits and activity tickets.

REGISTRATION

Parents of elementary students new to the Yankton School District should call the YSD administration building as soon as possible to receive your school placement assignment and instructions for registering. The office is open from 7:30 am – 4:30 pm starting on July 28. Call 665-3398 and ask for Kelley.

HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please notify the office of your child's school to update mailing lists and Infinite Campus Messaging notifications.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Band (5th Grade)
- Junior Achievement
- Student Council
- D.A.R.E.
- Orchestra (5th Grade)
- Writers' Round Table
- 4-H Enrichment Programs
- Girls on the Run

EARLY LEARNING CENTER & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS

	Start Time	Tardy Bell	End Time
Beadle School	8:35 am	8:40 am	3:20 pm 1-3 Students 3:25 pm 4-5 Students
Lincoln School	8:25 am	8:30 am	3:10 pm
Stewart School	8:35 am	8:40 am	3:20 pm
Trailhead Learning Center	8:30 am	8:35 am	3:20 pm

SCHOOL SECURITY SYSTEM

All exterior doors are locked during the school day. Any parents or visitors to the school will need to press the doorbell/camera button located at the main entrance of the building to gain access to the school. All visitors must check into the office first. The office staff will verify a person's identity before allowing entrance to the building.



YANKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-2026 PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST



All students will need a backpack and water bottle. Additional items for each grade level are listed below. There may be classroom specific items requested by the teacher after school starts.

PRESCHOOL

3-Year Old Preschool

- 1 pkg. baby wipes
- 1 large box of tissues
- 2 large glue sticks
- Full size backpack
- Water bottle

4-Year Old Preschool

- 1 box of crayons (24 count)
- Watercolors (Prang or Crayola preferred)
- 1 bottle of glue
- 2 large glue sticks
- Full size backpack
- Water bottle



JR. KINDERGARTEN

- 1 Box Crayola Markers
- 3 Boxes Crayola Crayons (24 count)
- 2 Elmer's White Glue Bottles (4 oz)
- 2 Large Glue Sticks
- 1 Large Box Kleenex
- 1 Package Baby Wipes
- Water Bottle with name
- Backpack (extra clothes in ziplock with name)



KINDERGARTEN

- 2 Boxes of Classic Colored Markers
- 2 Boxes of Crayons (24 count)
- 1 Watercolor (Prang or Crayola preferred)
- 1 Bottle of White Glue (4 oz.)
- 4 Large Glue Sticks
- 1 Package of Baby Wipes
- 1 Large Box of Tissues
- 2 Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Water Bottle with name
- Backpack (extra clothes in ziplock with name)

1ST GRADE

- 1 box of crayons (24 ct.)
- 1 pair of big kid pointed scissors
- 1 pkg. baby wipes
- 12 pencils (#2 lead)
- 2 erasers
- 2 fine point Sharpies
- 4 Expo dry erase markers
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of white glue
- Watercolors (Prang or Crayola preferred)
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of classic colored markers
- 1 pencil pouch
- 1 large box of tissues





YANKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-2026 PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

All students will need a backpack and water bottle. Additional items for each grade level are listed below. There may be classroom specific items requested by the teacher after school starts.

2ND GRADE

- 1 box of classic colored markers
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of crayons (24 count or more)
- 2 black Sharpies (medium point)
- 12 pencils(#2 lead)
- 1 bottle of white glue
- 2 glue sticks
- 12" ruler (metric and English)
- Watercolors (Prang or Crayola preferred)
- 2 erasers
- 1 pair of big kid pointed scissors
- 2 spiral-bound notebook(wide-lined)
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 1 pkg. baby wipes

3RD GRADE

- 1 box of classic colored markers
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of crayons (24 count or more)
- 2 black Sharpies (fine point)
- 12 pencils (#2 lead)
- 1 bottle of white glue
- 2 glue sticks
- 12" ruler (metric and English)
- Watercolors
- 2 erasers (Prang or Crayola preferred)
- 1 pair of big kid pointed scissors
- 2 composition notebooks
- 2 plastic folders
- 2 highlighters
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 1 package of baby wipes

4TH GRADE

- 1 box of classic colored markers
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of crayons (24 count or more)
- 2 black Sharpies (fine point)
- 12 pencils
- 2 highlighters (different colors preferred)
- 4 Expo markers (fine point)
- 1 bottle of white glue
- 2 glue sticks
- 12" ruler (metric and English)
- Watercolors (Prang or Crayola preferred)
- 2 erasers
- 1 pair of big kid pointed scissors
- 1 spiral bound notebook
- 1 pkg. of loose leaf, wide lined notebook paper
- 1 red pen and 1 blue or black pen
- 1 large boxes of tissues

5TH GRADE

- 1 box of classic colored markers
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of crayons (24 count or more)
- 2 black Sharpies (fine point)
- 12 pencils
- 2 highlighters (different colors preferred)
- 4 Expo markers (fine point)
- 1 bottle of white glue
- 2 glue sticks
- 12" ruler (metric and English)
- Watercolors (Prang or Crayola preferred)
- 2 erasers
- 1 pair of big kid pointed scissors
- 1 spiral bound notebook
- 1 pkg. of loose leaf, wide lined notebook paper
- 1 1/2 inch 3-ring binder
- 1 red pen and 1 blue or black pen
- 1 large boxes of tissues



Yankton Middle School

Grades 6-8



Dr. Heather Olson
Middle School Principal



Mr. Matt Decker
Middle School Assistant Principal

The staff of YMS welcomes you to the 2025-2026 school year. We pride ourselves on having respect for others and ourselves. This respect enables students to enjoy school, become leaders, make friendships, learn new skills, work as a team, appreciate the differences and similarities of others, and participate in the life of our school.

Our school is committed to providing a safe and drug free environment, where expectations are clear and consistent. Our students, staff, parents, and administration do not accept violence as the norm for student behavior. We are committed to providing a safe environment for students and staff in which the most effective teaching and learning can occur. Students will be expected to conform to reasonable expectations for all educational situations.

It is important that Yankton Middle School parents and students are aware of the expectations, responsibilities, and policies of our school.

YMS ORIENTATION DAYS

6th Grade

Monday, August 11th 4:00-6:00 pm

6th Grade students and one parent will be assigned a 25-minute orientation time. The student and parent will meet with the student's homeroom teacher and go through orientation such as picking up schedules and locker assignments. Homeroom teachers will contact parents in August.

7th & 8th Grade

Tuesday, August 12th, 5:00-6:00 pm

Students will check in at 5pm to report to their homeroom to receive class schedules and locker assignments.

**Schedules will NOT be given out before the orientation date.

Administration will email parents/guardians additional details in August.

REGISTRATION

Students new to the Yankton School District should go to our website <https://www.yzd.k12.sd.us/o/ysd/page/school-registration> to register 665-2419. The office is open from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm starting on July 28, 2025.

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YMS School Pictures are August 21



MIDDLE SCHOOL HOURS

Grades 6-8
8:20 am - 3:25 pm
8 period days

INNOVATED CLASSES OFFERED AT YMS

6th Grade: Media Literacy, iTechnology, Exploring Language, STEM, and Study Skills

7th Grade: STEM, Creative Writing, Career Explorations, Robotics, Introduction to Spanish, Drama

8th Grade: STEM, Creative Writing, Career Explorations, Introduction to Spanish, Digital Media, Drama, Sports Statistics, Spanish I

YMS also offers Art, Chorus, Concert Choir, Band, Orchestra

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Band	Newspaper
Basketball	Oral Interpretation
Chess Club	Orchestra
Chorus	Science Olympiad
Computer Club	Spanish Club
Cross Country	Student Council
Football	Track
Geography Bee	Volleyball
Gymnastics	Wrestling
Math Counts	Yearbook



YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

2025-2026 SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST



6TH GRADE

2 large boxes of tissues
#2 pencils
2 erasers
Red pen
Blue or black pens
1 Sharpie or Flair pen (Black)
Colored pencils
2 one-subject spiral notebooks (ELA & Social Studies)
3 two-pocket folders (ELA, Social Studies & STEM)
1 one inch 3 ring binder, 5 dividers with tabs and loose leaf paper (Math)
1 pkg. notecards (Social Studies)
1 Composition Notebooks - standard size - 9.75" x 7.5" (pages sewn in; not clean-tear)(Science)
Pencil Bag
PE - tennis shoes that tie are required & travel size deodorant (if prescribed, have inhaler)
Headphones/earbuds with container (to stay at school less than \$15)
Calculator (no more than \$15, recommended TI-30XIIS)
Mobile USB computer mouse (highly recommended)



8TH GRADE

Two-five 1-subject spiral notebooks (Spanish I & Math)
Two composition notebooks - standard size- 9.75" x 7.5" (pages sewn in; not clean-tear) (Math & ELA)
2-pocket folders (one for each class)
Scientific calculator for use at home and study hall (no more than \$15)
Pencils
Pens
Colored pencils
Highlighters
Dry erase marker for Math and Spanish I
Glue stick
2 large boxes of tissues
3"x5" lined note cards - 1 package
Headphones/earbuds with container (to stay at school less than \$15)
Mobile USB computer mouse (optional if preferred by student)
PE - tennis shoes that tie are required & travel size deodorant (if prescribed, have inhaler)

7TH GRADE

3 one-subject spiral notebooks
2 Composition Notebooks - standard size - 9.75" x 7.5" (pages sewn in; not clean-tear; science & ELA)
2 one-inch 3-ring binders (without zippers) (Math, ELA)
7 dividers with tabs for binders
1 pkg. loose leaf paper
5 two-pocket folders
2 pkg. pencils (Include lead if use mechanical pencils)
1 pkg. colored pencils
1 black Flair pen or Sharpie pen
Blue or black pens
1 eraser
Highlighters
1 pair scissors
Glue sticks
Dry erase marker
Large pencil bag
2 large boxes of tissues
Headphones/earbuds with container (to stay at school less than \$15)
Scientific calculator for use at home and in study hall (recommended model TI-30XIIS - no more than \$15)
Mobile USB computer mouse (highly recommended)
PE - tennis shoes that tie are required & travel size deodorant (if prescribed, have inhaler)



Yankton High School

Grades 9-12



Mr. Todd Dvoracek
High School Principal



Mr. Shaun Streyle
High School Assistant Principal

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We are thrilled to have you as part of our vibrant community here at Yankton High School. Whether you are a returning student/family or joining us for the first time, we extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you.

High school is an exciting journey filled with opportunities for personal growth, academic excellence, and memorable experiences. It is a time of exploration where you can discover your passions, forge lifelong friendships, and lay the foundation for a bright future. At Yankton High School, we are committed to providing you with a nurturing and stimulating environment that fosters both intellectual and emotional development.

Our dedicated faculty and staff are here to support and guide you along this transformative path. They are passionate educators who are dedicated to helping you reach your full potential, both inside and outside the classroom.

As you embark on this new school year, we encourage you to embrace challenges, think critically, and embrace a growth mindset. Take advantage of the wide range of extracurricular activities, clubs, and sports teams available to you. Engage in meaningful discussions, collaborate with your peers, and seize every opportunity to expand your knowledge and skills.

We also recognize the importance of collaboration between home and school. We encourage families to actively participate in their child's educational journey and stay engaged in their academic progress through Infinite Campus. Together, we can create a strong support system that will empower our students to thrive.

We would like to extend our best wishes for a successful and fulfilling school year. Let us embrace the challenges, celebrate achievements, and create lasting memories together. Yankton High School is a place where dreams take flight, and we are excited to witness your growth and accomplishments. Once again, welcome to Yankton High School. Let's make this year an extraordinary one!

REGISTRATION, ORIENTATIONS & SCHEDULE PICK-UP

Parents of students new to the Yankton School District should notify the Yankton High School as soon as possible. The office is open from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm starting on August 2. The High School phone number is 665-2073.

Freshman Class 2029

Freshman Parent and Freshman Orientation Meeting
Tuesday, August 5, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Schedule Pickup

Senior Class of 2026

Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Junior Class of 2027

Thursday, August 7, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sophomore Class of 2028

Thursday, August 7, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**FRESHMAN
ORIENTATION**

*Schedule
Pick-Up*

Parents are encouraged to put money into lunch accounts, purchase activity tickets, or pay any fees associated with particular classes before school starts.

Ninth grade activity ticket purchases and lunch deposits can be made during the day on August 4-5.

Grades 10, 11, and 12 may purchase activity tickets, make lunch deposits, and pay class fees during designated registration times listed above.

**YHS School Pictures
are August 20**



Yankton High School

Grades 9-12



COLLEGE CREDIT OPTIONS

Yankton High School offers Advanced Placement (AP) courses and concurrent dual credit courses through Mount Marty University (MMU).

Those courses include:

- AP Biology for dual credit through MMU (4 credits)
- AP Calculus for dual credit through MMU (8 credits)
- AP Chemistry for dual credit through MMU (8 credits)
- AP English Literature and Composition for dual credit through MMU (6 credits)
- AP Music Theory for dual credit through MMU (3 credits)
- AP Spanish for dual credit through MMU (6 credits)
- AP Studio Art AP US Government and Politics for dual credit through MMU (3 credits)
- AP US History for dual credit through MMU (3 credits)
- Pre-calculus for dual credit through MMU (4 credits)
- College Algebra for dual credit MMU (3 credits)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Your student's success is positively impacted by regular attendance. Regular and consistent attendance at school is essential in ensuring your child's success in school. Additionally, studies show that regular attendance in school is also a predictor of your child's success in their future career by promoting good habits that employers recognize. We also have high expectations regarding behavior and choices. We are dedicated to providing all students with a safe, and drug- and alcohol-free environment. At Yankton High School, these high expectations are reinforced by our School Resource Officer. Please join me and the staff at Yankton High School in helping your student succeed during their high school career. I look forward to working with you and your student as we embark on this new school year.



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Yankton High School

2025-2026 School Supplies List

GENERAL SUPPLIES 9-12 GRADE

Spiral notebook-single subject, one per class
Pens and #2 pencils
Red pen or pencil
Box of tissues to homeroom teacher
3-ring binder with paper

ENGLISH 9-12 GRADE

3 Notebooks
Single subject notebook for journaling
Loose-leaf paper
Ink pens, black and blue, 1 red pen
Folders for papers
3"x5" or 4"x6" note cards
Pencils
Highlighters

MATH 9-12 GRADE

Notebook(s)
2 pocket folder or 3 ring binder
*TI-84 Silver Plus C Silver Edition graphing calculator (*recommended but not required)
Pencils

GEOMETRY 9-12 GRADE

12" ruler (metric and English)
Protractor
Compass
Pencils

CTE 9-12 GRADE

Safety goggles
Blue Jeans
Closed toe shoes (not flip flops or slippers)

SCIENCE 9-12 GRADE

2 pocket folders for papers
Colored pencils
Pencils
Scientific calculator (recommended)
Headphones/Earbuds (to stay at school; less than \$15)
Notebook for each science subject

SOCIAL STUDIES 9-12 GRADE

Colored pencils
Folder for papers
Notebooks
Note cards
Headphones

SPANISH I

Colored pencils
Folder
Headphones
Notebook

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

National Honor Society
Pioneer Club
Student Council
Y Club
Educators Rising
HOSA
FFA

Athletics

Basketball
Competitive Dance
Competitive Cheer Sideline
Cheer
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Gymnastics
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track
Volleyball
Wrestling

Drama

Fall Play
One-Act Play
Spring Play/Musical

Forensics

Debate
Oral Interpretation

Musical - Instrumental

Concert Band Jazz Band
Marching Band/Color Guard
Orchestra
Pep Band Symphonic Band

Music - Vocal

A Capella Choir

Publications

The Arickara (yearbook)
The Woksape (newspaper)
The Cellar Door (literary magazine)

Activities Department



Mr. Ryan Mors
Activities Director

Activities Director, Ryan Mors is responsible for the coordination of school and extracurricular activities for the Yankton School District.

Annual Activity Passes and Single Tickets

Annual Activity Passes for all regular season Athletic & Fine Arts events are available. Purchasing an Annual Activity Pass will admit patrons into all home events (Except SDHSAA Post-Season Events and specific YHS Fine Arts Fundraising Events). Single tickets can only be purchased at the event.

Single Ticket and Annual Activity Pass prices for the 2024-2025 school year are as follows:

Single Student Ticket (K-12)	\$3.00
Single Adult or College Student Ticket	\$5.00
Single Senior Ticket (65 or older)	\$3.00
Senior Lifetime Pass (YSD Resident 65 or older)	Free
Annual Activity Pass (Student: K-12)	\$20.00
Annual Activity Pass (Single Adult)	\$50.00
Annual Activity Pass (Adult Couple)	\$75.00

Annual Student Activity Passes can only be purchased in the offices at the school in which your child attends: Yankton High School, Yankton Middle School, the three YSD Elementary Schools, the Early Learning Center and at Sacred Heart Schools. Annual Adult Activity Passes can be purchased either at the Yankton School District Administration Building or at select early season home YHS events in the fall of the school year.

A \$5.00 replacement fee will be charged for a lost or destroyed Annual Activity Pass. An annual student activity pass can be purchased for a reduced price of \$15.00 after January 1.

Senior citizens 65 years of age or older, who are residents of the Yankton School District will be able to obtain a Lifetime Pass that allows for free admission into all Yankton School District Regular Season Activities (SDHSAA Post-Season Events and specific YHS Fine Arts Fundraising Events are NOT included). **The Lifetime Pass can only be obtained at the Yankton School District Administration Building where the age and residence of the individual will be verified with an I.D.** (such as a driver's license). A \$5.00 replacement fee will be charged for a lost or destroyed Lifetime Pass.

Athletic Physicals

Anyone participating in athletics during the 2025-2026 school year must meet the following criteria before they may begin practice:

1. If a student will be in Grades 6, 8, 9, 11 or 12 and participated in athletics in the 2024-2025 school year, they must sign up for the activity in Infinite Campus.
 - No one will be allowed to participate until registration is complete.

2. If the student will be in Grades 7 or 10, or has never participated in athletics in the Yankton School District but plan to participate in the 2025-2026 school year, they must:

- a. Have a physical taken at a licensed healthcare provider of your choice and fill out the Health History part of the form as well. This completed document can be returned to the YMS office or YHS Activities Office.



Booster Club Fall Sports Kickoff YHS Commons

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Food Served at 6:00 PM.

Coaches Program at 6:30 PM.



- b. Sign up for the activity on Infinite Campus
 - No one will be allowed to participate until registration is complete.

All forms are available at the Yankton High School Activities Office, the Middle School Principal's Office, or on the Activities Dept. page of the YSD website:

<https://yanktonsd.sites.thrillshare.com/o/yhs/page/activities-forms>

Activity registration instructions can be found at the link above on the YHS Activities page.

Please call the YHS Activities Office at 605-665-8369 or the Middle School Office at 605-665-2419 with any questions.

Activities Department

2025-2026 Yankton School District Athletic Coaches and Fine Arts Advisors

YHS Football	Brady Muth, Brady Hale, Dan Cwach, Justin Olson, Terry Beacom, Terry Huber, Jason Savey, Alex Toupal
YMS Football	Alex Lane, Jason Pasco, Zach Sutura, Jayden Hohn
YHS Volleyball	Taylor Stacey, Amanda Blaha, Tiffany Beste, Nathan Ingalls
YMS Volleyball	Lesley Hale, Andrea Lukkes, Aimee Mors, Rachel Christensen, Heidi Savey, Jamie Tramp
Boys Soccer	Dane Hansen, Riley Smith
Girls Soccer	Tyler Schuring, Kellen Moser
Competitive Cheer	Bailey Craig, Kylie Cwach
Competitive Dance	Robyn Murphy, Cheree Ishmael
Sideline Cheer	Jenna Pavel, Courtney Russenberger
Boys Golf	Brett Sime, Darin Indahl
Girls Golf	Brett Sime, Kellie Heiter
Boys Tennis	Ryan Hage, Colin Roberge
Girls Tennis	Ryan Hage, Nikki Iwan
YHS Cross Country	Mitch Gullikson, Evan Steiner
YMS Cross Country	Doug Haar
YHS Gymnastics	Justin Olson, Haleigh Vornhagen, Laura Stehlik
YMS Gymnastics	Avery Reifenrath
YHS Boys Basketball	Chris Haynes, Jason Savey, Brady Hale, Sawyer Schmitz
YMS Boys Basketball	Cody Garvey, Chris Hovden, Daniel Morrison, Alex Lane, Brady Muth, Brett Sime
YHS Girls Basketball	Blake Savey, Kellie Heiter, Jill Muth, Lauren Feser
YMS Girls Basketball	Kellen Moser, Justin Bochman, Emma Jarovski, Mitch Gullikson, Daniel Morrison, Heidi Savey
YHS Boys Wrestling	Robert Coyle, Riley Smith, Jason Pasco
YHS/YMS Girls Wrestling	Jason Yaggie, Sarah Shortbull
YMS Boys Wrestling	Ryan Hage, Wyatt Tramp
YHS Track	Geoff Gross, Clara Schild, Blake Savey, Brady Muth, Heidi Savey, Nathan Ingalls, Justin Olson, Emma Jarovski, Tony Beste
YMS Track	Doug Haar, Lauren Feser, Chris Hovden, Aimee Mors, Nikki Iwan, Jamie Tramp
Girls Softball	Jill Muth, Amanda Blaha
Band	Gwen Wenisch, Kacie Bray
YMS Band	Tessa Belgum
Chorus	Angela Larson
Color Guard	Alexis Evans
Orchestra	Drew Ohlendorf
Drama	Shari Whitehead, Amber Beltrand, Georgia Powell, Stacie Pietz, Angela Larson, Collin Waltner
Debate	Doug Haar
YHS Oral Interpretation	Jan Mattes
YMS Oral Interpretation	Amanda Blaha
YHS Yearbook	Samantha Heintz
YMS Yearbook/Newspaper	Michelle Andrews
YHS Newspaper	Kaiti Ladwig
YHS Student Council Advisor	Audrey Alonso
YHS Science Olympiad	Lindsay Kortan
YMS Science Olympiad	Nicole Mehlhaff, Cheryl Schaeffer
HOSA	Jama Mathison
Visual Arts	Justin Brunick
Educators Rising	Kaiti Ladwig
FFA	Brandon Wagner

Curriculum Director



Mrs. Nicole Valnes
Curriculum Director

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year with the Yankton School District! Academic excellence for all students is of the highest priority in the Yankton School District. The YSD Curriculum paves the path for the implementation of these high standards. This year, we are enthusiastic to implement our new Social Studies Curriculum. The focus of the Social Studies Curriculum Committee was alignment with the newly updated state standards, emphasis on critical thinking and inquiry, diverse representation of voices and perspectives, and their ability to connect historical content with students' lives and the world around them. A committee of teachers and parents reviewed the YSD Curriculum with the top priority that students ensure that all students have the opportunity to build civic literacy to become lifelong learners while cultivating their natural curiosity about the world. A complete listing of courses, standards, and instructional norms can be found in our Social Studies Curriculum Guides, which are available on the Yankton School District website under Curriculum & Technology Integration.

Elementary

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Yankton Middle School

6th Grade

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7th & 8th Grade

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United States History & Modern US History

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American Government

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Interactive
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AP US Government & Politics

Title: Government in America: People, Politics, and Policy, AP Edition, 18th ed
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Sociology

Title: Sociology: Down-To-Earth Approach, 15th ed.
Publisher: Pearson
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Psychology

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Publisher: Pearson
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Economics

Title: JA Titan
Publisher: Junior Achievement USA

Contemporary World Issues

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Yankton High School

AP United States History

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Author: Howard Zinn
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Technology Integrationist



Mrs. Tiffany Beste
Technology Integrationist

Greetings!

My name is Tiffany Beste, and I am entering my 2nd year as the Instructional Technology Integrationist for the Yankton School District. Prior to this position, I taught in the classroom for 18 years, with most of my time dedicated to teaching Computer Applications, other technology courses and Career Explorations. I spend most of my days collaborating and partnering with teachers to help incorporate purposeful technology into their classrooms. This year I will be working with the teachers at Trailhead Learning Center in their MakerSpace area to introduce STEM, Technology and Career skills and vocabulary into their curriculum. We are super excited to utilize this space and offer a wide variety of new activities and lessons to our early learners. I'm looking forward to the new school year and working with all levels of students while helping teachers continue to integrate technology into their lessons and activities.

The partnership between the Yankton community, families, and schools is necessary for our Yankton learners' growth and success, and I'm excited to be part of that! Let's have a great 2025-2026 school year!!

Tiffany Beste
Instructional Technology Integrationist



Yankton School District ClassLink

There are a few ways to access ClassLink. Please, take a look at the information below. Classroom teachers will share login information, I'm always happy to provide any additional support.

CLASSLINK ACCESS



DESKTOP OR LAPTOP

1. Navigate to the Yankton School District website and click the ClassLink button in the button bar below the scrolling pictures.
2. Enter student login credentials or click the QR button to use the QuickCard (QuickCard access is for younger learners).
3. A tutorial message will prompt you to install the ClassLink extension. This is necessary to access password-protected applications.



TABLET OR MOBILE DEVICE

1. Download the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.
2. Search for and choose the Yankton School District (first time only).
3. Enter student login credentials or click the QR button to use the QuickCard (QuickCard access is for younger learners).



Student Services




Mr. Jerome Klimisch
Director of Student Services


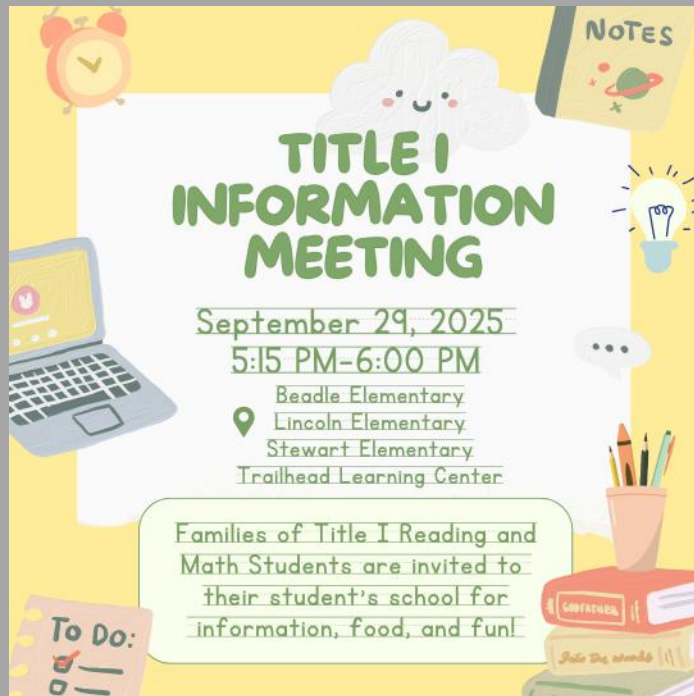
The Yankton School District provides special education services to over 500 students in our schools. We serve children from birth to age 21, who are determined to be eligible for special education services. Our students are served by a wonderful team of professionals, including qualified special education teachers, special education teaching assistants, speech/language pathologists, occupational and physical therapists as well as school psychologists.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's educational needs, please feel free to contact me.

Jerome Klimisch, Director of Student Services



Title I, a supplemental reading and math program, is provided for eligible students at all four elementary schools. To qualify for Title I services, students referred by their parent or teacher are assessed annually in the areas of reading and/or math. Those students most in need of services are selected for participation and placed in the program with parent consent.



Special Education

The Yankton School District offers a wide variety of special education services for students with disabilities.


The Yankton School District serves children from birth to 21 who are determined to be eligible for special education services.

Special Education and related services are provided to eligible students at all elementary schools, as well as the Yankton Middle School and Yankton High School.

If you suspect you have a child with a disability and may be in need of accommodations or special education services, please contact your child's teacher or principal.

If your child is not yet school age (3-5 yrs. old), you may call Trailhead Learning Center at 260-5400 or email the director of student services, Jerome Klimisch, at Jerome.Klimisch@k12.sd.us or contact by phone at 665-3999.

If your child is under the age of 3, you should contact the South Dakota Birth to 3 Program at 1.800.305.3064



Location of Records

Yankton School District #63-3 makes the following documents available to the public:

1. Special Education Comprehensive Plan
2. Application for federal funding
3. Special Education monitoring reports
4. Any application evaluation program plan or report relating to federal programs, including auditor reports, statements of assurances, budget and grant material. Documents are available for inspection at YSD Administration Building each working school day per week between the hours of 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm, 2410 West City Limits Road, Yankton, South Dakota.

Child Nutrition



Mrs. Laura Horacek
Director of Child Nutrition

Welcome Back!

We are looking forward to “Feeding our Future” and providing nutritious meals to the students of Yankton School District!

Feedback from students and parents is an important component of our program. We invite you to check out the Child Nutrition page on the Yankton School District website. You can access menus, information about our program, and forms. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please call the Yankton School District Child Nutrition Director, Laura Horacek at 665-8379.

School Breakfast

Breakfast will be available at Beadle, Lincoln, Stewart, Trailhead Learning Center, Middle and High School each day. Breakfast serving time at each elementary schools is 7:45am – 8:20 am, Middle School 7:45am-8:15 am and the high school 7:30am – 10:00am. The breakfast menu choices can be found at www.ysd.k12.sd.us.

Please encourage your student to eat breakfast. Numerous studies have shown the importance of eating a healthy breakfast as proper nutrition in the morning allows young minds to concentrate on learning.

School Lunch

Nutritious meals are a crucial component to a student’s ability to learn. School meals contain a variety of foods and offer students exposure to new foods. Nourished students will generally have better attendance, be more attentive and have more energy to cope with school-day activities.

The lunch menu can be found at www.ysd.k12.sd.us on the Child Nutrition page.

School Meal Prices

	Paid	Reduced	Free
Breakfast	\$1.80	\$0.30	-
Lunch			
Elementary	\$2.70	\$0.40	-
Middle School	\$2.90	\$0.40	-
High School	\$3.00	\$0.40	-



Student Accounts

Each school participates in a computerized accounting system. Students are assigned a student ID number within our Point of Sale system. Deposits can be made into your student’s meal account with either cash or check, or MySchoolBucks, our on-line payment system. With MySchoolBucks, parents can make deposits, view student meal accounts, and set low balance reminders. A transaction fee is charged when making a deposit, however, you can view your student’s meal account free of charge. Parents can also leave a deposit at any school. One payment can be used for multiple accounts, but please identify how the deposit should be applied.

Ala carte items can be purchased at Middle and High School. Elementary students can purchase items extra milk. For information regarding the MySchoolBucks program contact the Child Nutrition Office at 665-8379 or visit the Child Nutrition section at www.ysd.k12.sd.us

Free and Reduced Meal Applications

Free and Reduced priced meal applications can be submitted at any time during the school year, or you may re-apply if your household or financial situation changes. Households must re-apply each year for meal benefits. Parents can apply online at www.myschoolapps.com (link can be found on the Child Nutrition page of the YSD website). A paper copy is also available and can be picked up, completed, and returned to any school. If you have any questions regarding filling out the application, please contact Laura Horacek at the Child Nutrition Office at 665-8379.

Serving Times

Beadle Elementary	11:10 am - 12:35 pm
Lincoln Elementary	11:15 am - 12:35 pm
Stewart Elementary	11:15 am - 12:35 pm
Trailhead Learning Center	11:25 am - 12:45 pm
Yankton Middle School	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Yankton High School	11:50 am - 1:10 pm

Calendar



Yankton School District 2025-2026 School Calendar

= Listed Day
= Listed Day > No School > Contracted Day for Teachers
= Listed Day > No School > Contracted Day Off for Teachers
= School Board Meetings
= Snow Day

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Trailhead Learning Center: Monday, November 3 & Thursday, November 6; Thursday, January 29 & Thursday, February 5
 Beadle, Lincoln & Stewart: Tuesday, October 28 & Thursday, November 6; Thursday, January 22 & Thursday, January 29
 Yankton Middle School: Tuesday, October 21 & Monday, October 27; Monday, February 23 & Tuesday, March 3
 Yankton High School: Monday, November 3 & Tuesday, November 18; Tuesday, March 3 & Thursday, March 5

July 2025							August 2025							September 2025							Date and Event	
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																					January 5 - School Resumes (Mon.) 19 - Martin Luther King Day (Mon.) No School 30 - Teacher In-Service (Fri.) No School for Students	
																					February 16 - President's Day (Mon.) No School	
																					March 6 - End of Third Quarter (Fri.) 20 - Teacher In-Service (Fri.) No School	
																					April 2 - Conference Compensation Day (Thu.) No School 3 - 6 - Easter Vacation (Fri.-Mon.) No School	
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Date and Event

- July**
 - 4 - Independence Day (Thu.) Offices Closed
- August**
 - 11 - General Meetings (Mon.)
 - 12 - Teacher In-Service (Tue.)
 - 13 - Teacher In-Service (Wed.)
 - 14 - Teacher Workday (Thu.)
 - 18 - First Day of School (Mon.)
- September**
 - 1 - Labor Day (Mon.) No School
- October**
 - 13 - Native American Day (Mon.) No School
 - 17 - End of First Quarter (Fri.)
 - 24 - Teacher In-Service (Fri.) No School for Students
- November**
 - 11 - Veteran's Day Observed (Tue.) No School
 - 26 - Conference Compensation Day (Wed.) No School
 - 27-28 - Thanksgiving Vacation (Thu. & Fri.) No School
- December**
 - 19 - End of Second Quarter (Fri.)
1:00 PM Early Dismissal
 - 22 - Jan. 2 - Christmas Vacation No School
- January**
 - 5 - School Resumes (Mon.)
 - 19 - Martin Luther King Day (Mon.) No School
 - 30 - Teacher In-Service (Fri.) No School for Students
- February**
 - 16 - President's Day (Mon.) No School
- March**
 - 6 - End of Third Quarter (Fri.)
 - 20 - Teacher In-Service (Fri.) No School
- April**
 - 2 - Conference Compensation Day (Thu.) No School
 - 3 - 6 - Easter Vacation (Fri.-Mon.) No School
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 - 25 - Memorial Day (Mon.)
- June**
 - 19 - Juneteenth (Fri.) Offices Closed



General Information

INCLEMENT WEATHER

All decisions regarding school closing, late start, or early dismissal will be based on the personal safety of students and employees. The superintendent or designee shall be responsible for school closings, late starts, or early dismissals. All inclement weather announcements concerning school closings, late starts, or early dismissals are immediately posted on the school district website: www.ysd.k12.sd.us, sent as a message through the Infinite Campus Messaging System, the YSD app, and on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/yankton schooldistrict. The announcements will also be made through the following media:

KYNT 1450 AM
KVHT 106.3 FM
WNAX 570 AM KELO-TV

Every effort will be made to announce school closings by 6:00 a.m.

GOLDEN LIFETIME ACTIVITY PASS

Senior citizens 65 years of age or older, who are residents of the Yankton School District will be able to obtain a Lifetime Pass that allows for free admission into all Yankton School District Regular Season Activities (SDHSAA Post-Season Events are NOT included). The Lifetime Pass can only be obtained at the Yankton School District Administration Building where the age and residence of the individual will be verified with an I.D. (such as a driver's license).



HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please notify the office of your child's school to update mailing lists and Infinite Campus Messaging notifications. If you haven't completed the registration form for your students for 2023-2024 school year, please go to www.ysd.k12.sd.us/o/ysd/page/school-registration to do that.

WE'D LOVE TO
Connect

WITH YOU!

www.ysd.k12.sd.us



Find us in Google Play or the App Store by searching Yankton School District.



Don't miss any updates from Yankton School

1. Search **'Yankton School District'** in your phone's app store and download the app
2. Select **'ALLOW'** when prompted on initial download to ensure you receive notifications
3. Open the app, and navigate to the bottom menu then tap **'SETTINGS'**
4. Ensure your settings are turned on and your organization is selected



The Yankton School District #63-3 does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, sex, disability, age, or religion in admission or access to or treatment or employment in its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning the District's compliance with Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, or the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) is directed to contact Jerome Klimisch Director of Student Services, 2410 West City Limits Road, Yankton, SD 57078, telephone number: (605) 665-3999, who has been designated by the Yankton School District School Board to coordinate the District's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing these sections, or the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, One Petticoat Lane, 1010 Walnut Street, 3rd Floor, Ste 320, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, telephone number: (816) 268-0550; TDD number: (800) 877-8339; E-mail: OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov; or fax number: (816) 286-0599.

Transportation

IS MY STUDENT ELIGIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION?

Out of Town: Students JrK-12 who live outside of city limits and within the Yankton School District's boundaries are eligible for transportation to and from school. Pre-School 4-year olds are eligible for transportation after school. Students are to ride only their assigned bus. No guests may ride with assigned students. Students in the 1st grade and below will receive a wristband to attach to their backpack to help identify their PM bus.

In Town: Students JrK-12 are eligible for In Town transportation in the morning from a designated In Town stop TO their assigned school. This is a morning-only program; transportation after school to In Town stops is NOT provided.

Academy/Boys & Girls Club: Students registered with the Academy may ride the bus from the Academy in the morning to their designated school and from their designated school to the Academy after school. Students registered with the Boys & Girls Club are eligible for transportation to Boys & Girls Club after school. Both Academy & Boys & Girls Club students MUST sign up for YSD Transportation via the YSD website to be eligible for transportation.

HOW DO I SUBMIT A TRANSPORTATION REQUEST?

- Online: Digital submission link is located on the YSD website at <https://www.yzd.k12.sd.us/o/ysd/page/transportation-busing> or
- Pick-up/Mail: Pick up a request from the Transportation Office at 2410 West City Limits Rd or call the Transportation Office at 665-4823 to have a request mailed to you.

To be eligible for transportation on the first day of school, requests must be received by August 2, 2024. Please allow two (2) business days for processing and routing. Out of town families will receive notification regarding transportation details. In Town, Academy & Boys & Girls Club riders may begin transportation two (2) business days after submitting the request.



DO I NEED A BUS PASS TO RIDE THE BUS?

Students will be issued a bus pass the first week they begin riding the bus. Students are expected to scan the pass each time they enter and exit the bus. Students may take a picture of the pass and use their phone to scan on the bus. The replacement fee for a lost pass is \$5.

WHICH BUS WILL MY STUDENT RIDE?

Out of Town: Students will be assigned to a bus for each route requested (AM/PM). Per request, riders will be placed on an AM Route, a PM route and a Transfer Route (except for YMS student). Students will be assigned a Transfer bus from their assigned school to YMS. Upon arriving at YMS, they will then transfer to their PM Route bus.

In Town: Students will be picked up at their requested In Town location. There is only one bus that stops at each stop. This is a morning only stop.

Academy/Boys & Girls Club: Students registered with the Academy or Boys & Girls Club will be assigned to a bus; schools will be notified which bus(es) to place Academy/BGC riders on.



Here Comes The Bus

HOW DO I KNOW WHERE MY STUDENT'S BUS IS?

Here Comes the Bus (HCTB) is an app for your smartphone or tablet that allows you and/or your student(s) to know when the bus is approaching the stop based on notification preferences you set within the app. Notifications may also be set for your child(ren)'s scan on or off the bus time. Please note that there may be intermittent outages that will affect the data relayed. Riders may use this app. or take a photo of their bus pass to scan upon entering the bus.

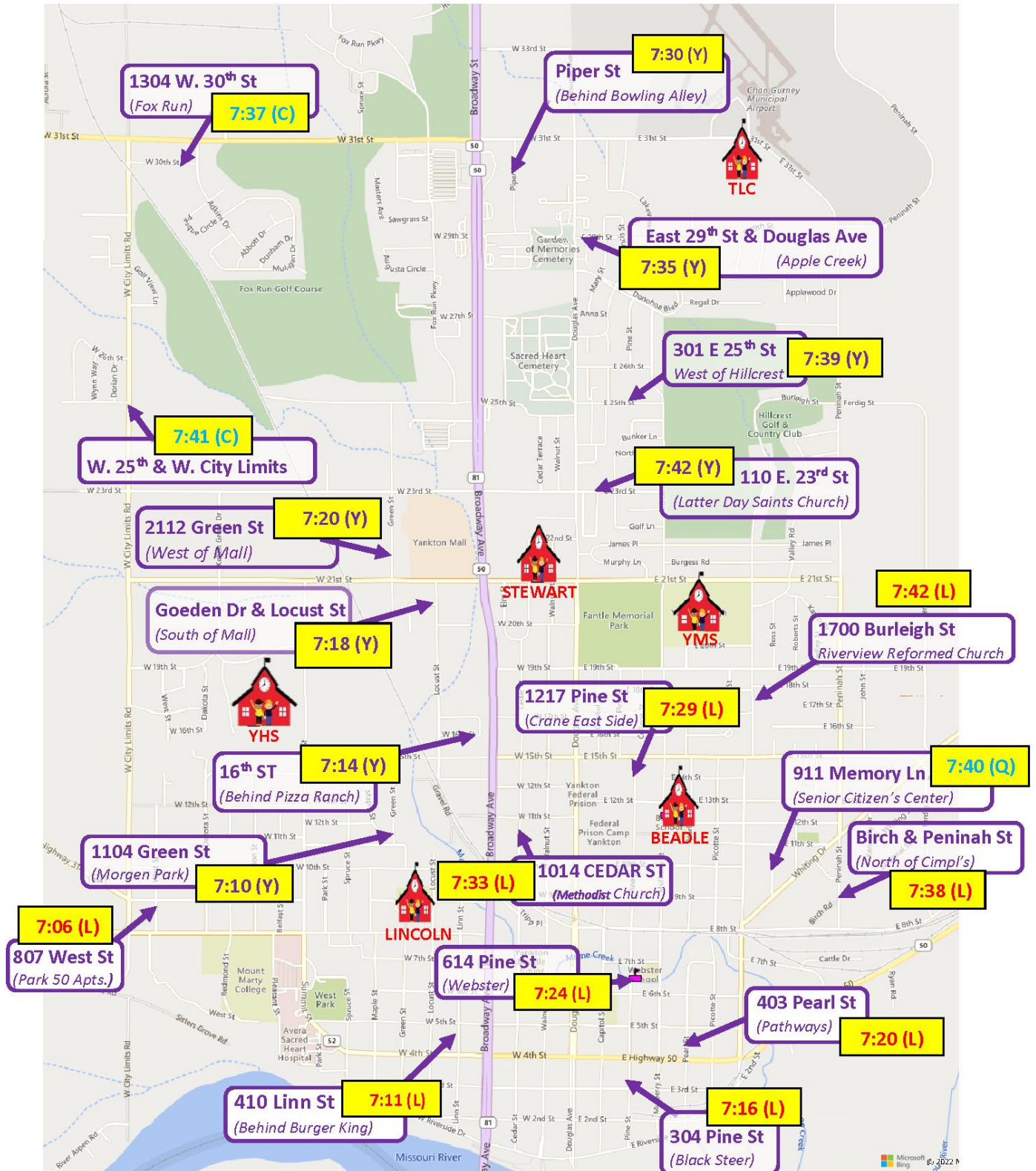
To get started using the HCTB app:

- Download the Here Comes the Bus app on your smartphone.
- Create account.
- Enter school code 84104 and click "Next" followed by "Confirm"
- Complete the "User Profile" box.
- Under "My Students," click "Add" then enter the student's last name and student ID number. Your student's ID number will be found on the bottom of the YSD bus pass or may be obtained by contacting the Transportation Department at 665-4823.

Transportation

YANKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-26 IN TOWN BUS STOPS

NEW TIMES & LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN ADDED. PLEASE CHECK THE TIMES CLOSELY TO ENSURE YOUR STUDENTS ARE AT THE BUS STOP AT THE CORRECT TIME.



Please visit the YSD website and select the Transportation tab to submit an on-line Transportation Request. Students may begin riding 2 days after submitting a form. Times listed are the DEPARTURE times; please be waiting five (5) minutes early.

Yankton School Board



School Board Members

Dr. Jordan Schild, Kathy Greenway, President, Jacklyn Mueller, Vice President, Sarah Brandt, Justin Frick

Board Member	Term Expiration	Office
Mrs. Jacklyn Mueller	2026	Vice President
Mrs. Kathy Greenway	2027	President
Dr. Jordan Schild	2027	
Justin Frick	2028	
Sarah Brandt	2028	



Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of the Yankton School District is to optimize student potential for success in a global society.



Yankton School District Alumni Association

Welcome from Director Frani Kieffer



Frani Kieffer
Director of YSD
Alumni Association

It has been a great first year of the Yankton School District Alumni Association! Our Mission is to create a community of alumni and friends who support the development of educational and extracurricular opportunities in the Yankton School District. Thanks to an amazing Board of Directors and YSD alumni and friends, we are on our way to making that Mission a reality. Throughout the first year, we established new scholarships, awarded first-year teacher grants, provided all staff with breakfast, and continued to connect with alumni and supporters. To learn more about the YSD Alumni Association, visit our website (bit.ly/YSDAlumni) or contact me at any time. I would welcome the opportunity to visit with you. Go Bucks and Gazelles!

Frani Kieffer
(605) 760-2019
Frani.Kieffer@k12.sd.us



Aliya Fluke, Aaron Ness, President YSDAA, Natasha Wells



Board of Directors Introduction

Aaron Ness, President, '94
Doyle Becker, Vice President, '89
Kyler Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer, '06
Elly Daisy, '09
Whitney Delforge, '03
Justin Dietrich, '95
Andy Holst, '96
Nick Moser, '01
Stacy Ryken, '94
Reid Sawatzke '16
Dr. Wayne Kindle, Ex Officio
Kathy Greenway, YSD Board Representative

YSD Alumni Association Scholarship

The Yankton School District Alumni Association was excited to award Aliya Fluke was chosen as the Yankton High School senior who was chosen to receive the first \$1,000 YSD Alumni Association Scholarship. Aaron Ness, President, presented the scholarship to Fluke at the YHS Academic Awards Ceremony.

New Scholarship – YHS Class of 1994 Scholarship

The YHS Class of 1994 decided to start a new scholarship this year in honor of their class. Aaron Ness, Class of 1994, presented the first \$1,000 YHS Class of 1994 Scholarship to Natasha Wells.

First-year Teacher Grants

The Yankton School District and the Yankton community do a wonderful job of supporting and providing educational support and materials for all staff and students. However, the YSD Alumni Association along with the Yankton Area Foundation wanted to help first-year teachers and provide them with \$250 to use in their classroom however they chose – anything that would enhance the learning environment for their students. They were very creative!

Donate Now

Want to help support the Yankton School District students and staff? Donate to the YSD Alumni Association! You choose where your donation goes: general fund, scholarships, staff appreciation, teacher grants, or anything else. Donate online at our website or mail in your donation to PO Box 1048.

Reach out to Frani Kieffer to discuss donation opportunities at (605) 760-2019 or Frani.Kieffer@k12.sd.us.



Mission Statement

The Yankton School District Alumni Association's goal is to create a global community of alumni and friends who support the development of educational opportunities in the Yankton School District.

YANKTON HIGH SCHOOL

HALL OF FAME

Nomination Form



Nominee _____ E-mail Address _____

Nominee's Address _____

City State Zip Phone

Nominators, please select from one of the following categories:

- Athletic HOF _____ Year of Graduation, if known _____ (Need not be a graduate)
- Fine Arts HOF _____ Year of Graduation, if known _____ (Need not be a graduate)

Briefly explain why you believe this individual deserves to be honored as a member of the Yankton High School Athletic or Fine Arts Hall of Fame.

Nominator _____ E-mail Address _____

Nominator's Address _____

City State Zip Phone

The Selection Committee may request supporting documentation for each nominee. Only those nominees where information is verified will be considered for induction.

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Submit completed Nomination Forms to:
Yankton School District
Attn: Yankton High School Activities Office
2410 West City Limits Road, Yankton, SD 57078
(605) 665-8369



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