



Annual Report

Spearfish School District 40-2

2023-24
SCHOOL YEAR

"Empowering All Students to Succeed in a Changing World"

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From the Superintendent's Office

The Role of Career and Technical Education in Student and Community Success

Career and Technical Education (CTE) plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of our students and our community. In today's fast-paced and ever-evolving job market, CTE equips students with essential skills and knowledge that are vital not only for their individual success but also for the prosperity of our community.

First and foremost, CTE provides students with a clear pathway to success. Whether they choose to enter the workforce immediately after high school or pursue higher education, CTE programs offer diverse career options that align with their interests and passions. This not only secures gainful employment but also helps students realize their potential and aspirations.

CTE also plays a pivotal role in honing and enhancing employment skills for students. Through CTE programs, students gain hands-on experience and specialized training in various fields, enabling them to develop practical skills that are highly relevant to the job market. These programs emphasize real-world applications, equipping students with problem-solving abilities, effective communication, teamwork, and technical proficiencies.

Furthermore, CTE can help with the workforce needs of our community. It can tailor education and training to local industries, ensuring students are well-prepared to fill in-demand positions. By doing so, CTE becomes a driving force in reducing unemployment rates and promoting economic growth within our region. A skilled workforce attracts businesses and fosters a thriving local economy, benefiting all residents.

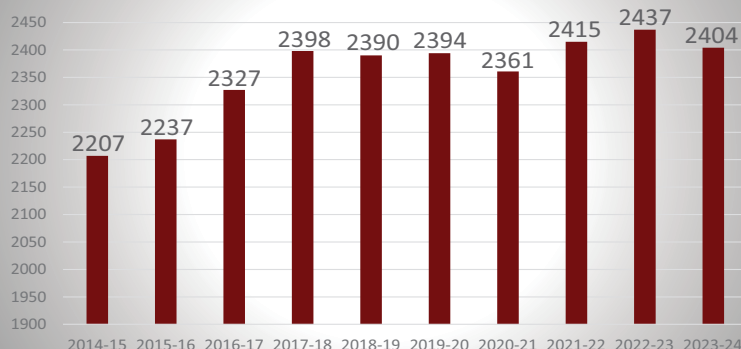
In conclusion, Career and Technical Education is not just a curriculum; it's an investment in the future of our young people and our community as a whole. By supporting and promoting CTE, we empower students to excel and secure a brighter future for themselves while ensuring the stability and growth of our community. We sincerely appreciate the community's ongoing support for the Spearfish School District and our dedication to equipping our students with the essential skills to help them achieve their full potential and aspirations.

Kirk Easton, Superintendent

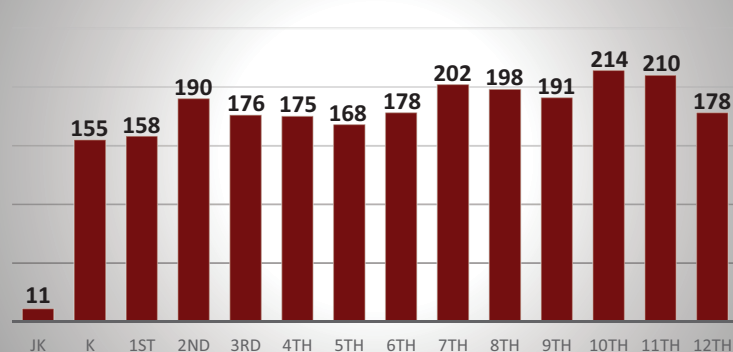
SHS CTE Center
Opening Fall of 2024



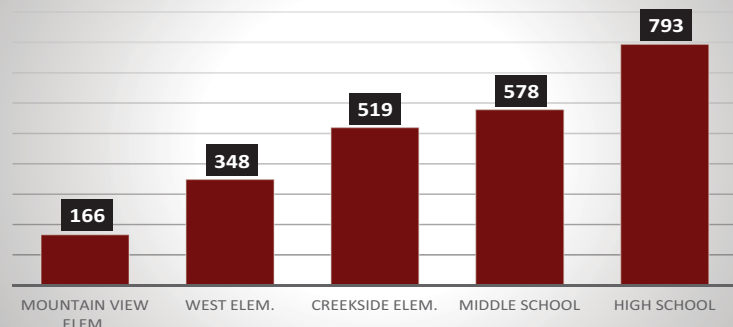
District Enrollment



2023-24 Fall Enrollment by Grade



2023-24 Fall Enrollment by Building



District Finances

District Revenue 2022-23

General Fund \$18,878,785

Capital Outlay \$5,529,137

Special Education \$4,117,719

District Expenditures 2022-23

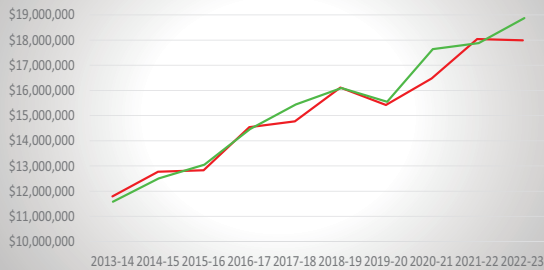
General Fund \$17,991,941

Capital Outlay \$6,795,209

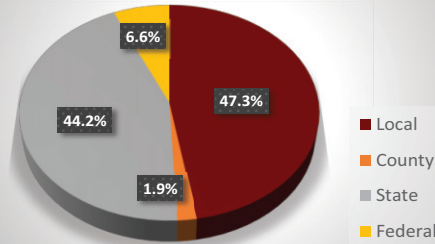
Special Education \$3,874,173

The State of South Dakota compiles data on school district expenditures, and ranks districts on the amount of money it costs to educate a student in a given district. During the 21-22 school year, it cost \$9,262 to educate a student in the Spearfish School District. This ranked Spearfish 126th out of 149 schools, boding well in terms of cost efficiency for the Spearfish Community.

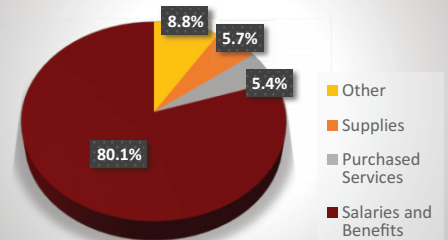
Revenue Expenditures



Revenue
General Fund 2022-2023



Expenditures
General Fund 2022-23



Board of Education

Ellen Plocek
Board President

Ryan Niesent
Vice President

Eric Skavang
Member

Nathan Hoogshagen
Member

Alesha Limbo
Member

School Administrators

Kirk Easton
Superintendent
717-1229

Craig Crosswait
Business Manager
717-1201

Sarah Heilman
Special Services Director
717-1201

Lana Main
Curriculum Director
717-1201

Joe Williams
High School Principal
717-1212

Jim Seyer
High School Asst. Principal
717-1212

Dalton Wademan
High School Activities Director
717-1206

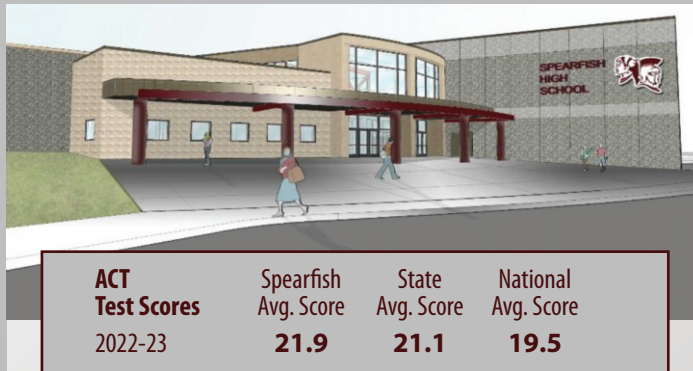
Don Lyon
Middle School Principal
717-1215

Brady Summers
Middle School Asst. Principal
717-1215

Dan Olson
Creekside Elementary Principal
717-1210

Nick Gottlob
West/Mtn. View Elem. Principal
717-1205

Ashley Anderson
Elementary Asst. Principal
717-1209



State Assessments

South Dakota public school students in grades 3-8 and 11 participate annually in summative testing in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 also take an annual Science assessment. These assessments, as well as other metrics, such as graduation and attendance rate, are part of the South Dakota Department of Education's state accountability system. The Spearfish School District uses this data to identify areas of strength and weakness in our commitment to serve students, families, and the Spearfish community.

Percent Proficient

- Mathematics
- English Language Arts
- Science

High School

- Completion
- College and Career Readiness

District Snapshot

K-12 Enrollment as of September 2023: 2404

Percent Receiving Special Education Services: 13.1%

Certified Staff to Student Ratio: 1:13.3

Average Students per Class: 18.9

Number of 2023 Graduates: 169

Certified Teaching Staff: 181

Average District Teaching Salary: \$54,103

Starting Teacher Salary: \$49,000

Teachers with Advanced Degrees: 50

Teachers Highly Qualified under the federal mandate of the Every Student Succeeds Act: 98.4%

