



WEST CENTRAL WIRE

“To prepare all students for learning and living in a changing world.”

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-West Central Schools Mission Statement



GREETINGS

from the
Superintendent's Office

The winter events and activities are in full swing. It is a lot of fun watching our students perform and create in the arts and athletics. Congratulations to Mr. Freier and the cast and crew of the One-Act play for qualifying for the State Competition.

Kindergarten Screening

The District will be hosting our annual Kindergarten screening. The screenings will take place in Humboldt on February 27th and in Hartford on February 29th and March 1st. You can go to westcentral49-7.com to register your child. This screening is for any potential student who will be 5 years old on or before September 1st of 2024. Screenings are a great opportunity for the district to gather enrollment data. This lets us properly prepare classes and teachers for our incoming kindergarten class. As a parent, if this is your first child attending school, it allows you an opportunity to learn about our district. This screening also provides the district an opportunity to address resources that may be needed to help your child get a successful start to their school year.

State Testing

Every year our 3rd-8th graders and 11th graders take the Smarter Balanced Assessment as part of the Department of Education accountability standards. This year, we will be taking these assessments throughout the month of April. Each student will take the Math and English Language Arts assessment for their grade. Our goal is to have the students be measured at levels 3 and 4 in both areas. We analyze the data that we receive back from these assessments to make curriculum, programming, and other academic decisions. Please encourage your children to work hard and to do their best on these assessments.

Project 22

Over the Christmas Holiday season, we had an outpouring of support from local businesses and the community for donations to our Project 22. Project 22, is a fund within our District that helps students and families unable to pay their lunch bill. Because of these generous donations, we can ensure that all students in our districts receive breakfast and lunch every day without any alternatives. Because of the extensive support for Project 22, we were able to start another fundraising effort. The District has started the Closet. This donation avenue allows the district to provide immediate needs to our students. Through the Closet, we have been able to provide snow boots, hats, gloves, weekend food, personal hygiene items, and other essentials. If you are interested in donating to this new fundraising and support program, you can do so online on our webpage at our Revtrak payment area.

2024-2025 School Calendar

During our January school board meeting, the board approved the academic calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. The academic calendar for next year can be found on our webpage. This is approved early to provide you an opportunity to plan all the activities that may require a student to be absent. School attendance is a critical component of student success.

Snow Related Communication

Over the last month or so, we have experienced a few weather-related cancelations and delays. If you are not receiving a text message or email during these events, please notify the administrative office so that we can check your household information in our Infinite Campus system that directs these messages. In the event of a 2-hour late start, bussing is delayed by 2 hours (pick-up times and shuttles), there is no breakfast, and school buildings open in a 2-hour delayed correspondence.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Knight, Superintendent

DISTRICT-WIDE NEWS

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Please note: Regular school board meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the Board Room at the Administration Office, unless otherwise indicated by published agenda. Meetings begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted. All meetings are open to the public. If a person desires to have an item placed on the agenda, please contact the Administration Office one week prior to the scheduled meeting. All meeting agendas can be located on the West Central webpage under District Board of Education. All school board proceedings are published in the Minnehaha Messenger.

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR 2023-2024

School will dismiss early for teacher work time, parent/teacher conferences, and the last day of school. **School will dismiss at 1:30 pm** on the following days:

February 15 March 8 May 17

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Eric Knight, Superintendent 528-3217
Dr. Andrew Barron, High School Principal 528-6236
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West Central on the WEB
www.westcentral49-7.com

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

February 15 School Dismissal at 1:30 pm
 Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00-9:00 pm
February 16 NO SCHOOL - Comp Day for Teachers
February 19 NO SCHOOL - President’s Day

March 8 .. School Dismissal at 1:30 pm, Teacher Work Time
 End of 3rd Quarter
March 18-21 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
March 22 NO SCHOOL - Comp Day for Teachers
March 29 NO SCHOOL

April 1 NO SCHOOL

May 17 School Dismissal at 1:30 pm, End of 4th Quarter
 Last Day for Students
May 18 Graduation
May 20 Last Day for Teachers

Inclement Weather or Make-Up Days: The first five make-up days are built into the school calendar. After five days, each additional day will be made up at the end of the school year.

SUBSTITUTES WANTED

Flexible hours – we will work with your schedule.

Wages range from \$125 - \$140/day

Visit www.westcentral49-7.com to apply or call Naomi at: (605) 528-3217 ext. 1003

BUS DRIVERS WANTED

4 hours per day. Will help you obtain a CDL.

\$29.75/hour

Visit www.westcentral49-7.com to apply or call Naomi at: (605) 528-3217 ext. 1003

CHILD NUTRITION / KITCHEN SUBSTITUTES WANTED

Visit www.westcentral49-7.com to apply or call Tanya for more information at: (605) 528-6238

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The West Central School District #49-7 does not discriminate in its employment policies and practices, or in its educational programs (including career and technical education programs) on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, or other human differences and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Requirement for admission to the Career and Technical Education courses is completion of prerequisite coursework of each area.

Career and Technical Education offered at the West Central School District

Agriculture – Floriculture, Horticulture, Animal Science, Natural Resources, Bio-Technology, and Agriculture Leadership

Architecture and Construction – Introduction to Technology, Production Technology, Computer-Aided Drafting, Carpentry, and Building Trades

Food and Tourism Classes – Independent Living, Food Management, and Family Relations

Technology – Multi-media, Web Design, Animation, Computer I, and 3-D Programming

Inquiries specifically concerning the application of Title VI, Title IX, or section 504 may be referred to:

Title VI (discrimination based on national origin/ race) Special Services Director

Title IX (discrimination based on gender)Activities Director

Section 504 (discrimination based on disability)Special Services Director

Both Special Services and Activities Director can be reached at:

West Central School District
705 E. 2nd St.
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605-528-3217

Or

Kansas City Office
U.S. Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights
8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037
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Phone: 816-268-0550
Fax: 816-823-1404; TDD: 877-521-2172
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SCHOOL CLOSING

The Campus Messenger System is our primary notification system for parents/guardians and staff. It will be utilized for school closings, delays, or early dismissals. Please call **Caryl Nolz at 528-3217** for changes in phone numbers.

In addition, the following TV stations will be notified in the event that school should be cancelled or dismissed early due to inclement weather conditions:

Television Stations: KELO, KDLT, KSFY

We make every effort to provide this information to families prior to 6:30 a.m. However, the changing weather in South Dakota may make this a challenge on some days. In any case, we will notify these stations as soon as possible.

We care very much about your children and do our best to make appropriate decisions based on student safety and student achievement. Please remember that as a parent or guardian, you have the right to keep your child home on any day that you feel it is unsafe for your student to travel to school due to weather conditions.

Giving Tree - Thank you!

THANK YOU to those who donated to the West Central Giving Trees! Your generosity made it possible to fill every tag on our trees and to bring holiday cheer to many students and families in the Hartford/Humboldt community.

Numerous donations were given above and beyond our tree tags, including meals for each family donated by Hartford and Humboldt area churches, and various other donations from area businesses and individual community members.

Thank you for your continued support!

2024 Driver's Education

The Driver's Education Program offered at West Central will begin after the last day of the school year and consists of 5 classroom days and 6 hours of driving. Instruction is provided by Mr. David Tuch. If planning to take Driver's Ed, please reserve these possible dates now.

Cost will remain the same this year at \$275. Students must be age 14 by August 1st, 2024 to register. Registration is scheduled to open April 1st. Further details regarding registration will be provided in the April newsletter.

Classroom Times 8:30 am - 2:30 pm	
Tuesday, May 28	Friday, May 31
Wednesday, May 29	Monday, June 3
Thursday, May 30	
Driving portion will be June - August.	

SCHOOL NURSE'S CORNER

Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) are devices used to treat individuals experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest. During a cardiac arrest, a person has a heart rhythm that is not sustainable with life. These machines can read rhythms and deliver shock when necessary. While these devices are not used often, they can be life saving when used correctly and in a timely manner. It is always a good idea to know the location of AEDs when you are in a public place.

In our district, there are two AED locations available for public use and one unit available within each school building. The public use AEDs are located outside the Colosseum, next to the concession stand in the high school and in the hallway outside of the administrative offices.

While it is always helpful to have a medically trained person offer aid in an emergency situation, there is not always a trained person available to assist. According to the American Red Cross, it takes about 8-12 minutes after 911 is call for help to arrive. For each minute that emergency assistance is delayed, the rate of survival is reduced by about 10 percent.

In times when AEDs are not available, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) can be administered until help arrives. There are online classes available through the American Red Cross as well as other in-person courses in the local area. Visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) for additional information on training.

Being prepared for an emergency helps those first on the scene remain calm, provide the best care possible, and increase the chances for survival.

Carly Boom, RN, BSN



AED outside High School Colosseum



AED in hallway outside of Administrative offices

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Amy Johnson, Humboldt Elementary Principal
605-363-3131 or 605-528-3321

Ashley Bahrenfuss, Hartford Elementary Principal
605-528-3215

Hello from Hartford and Humboldt Elementary!

Throughout the month of January, students at both elementary schools participated in the Map Growth assessment from NWEA. The resulting scores have helped teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers are currently using the results to tailor classroom instruction and set goals for students. A Family Report showing a summary of how your child performed academically on this assessment will be distributed around Parent/Teacher Conference time.

On the note of conferences, Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 15th. These conferences will be offered in-person and through Zoom. If you haven't already done so, please use the link provided by your child's classroom teacher to sign up for a fifteen minute time slot to meet. A Zoom link for your parent/teacher conference will be sent from your child's classroom teacher closer to the conference date. Conferences are an important way to communicate about your child's progress so we hope to see you on Parent/Teacher Conference night! Just a reminder - school will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Thursday, February 15th, 2024 for Parent/Teacher Conferences. There will be no school on Friday, February 16th and Monday, February 19th, 2024.

Although the second half of the school year just started, it's already time to start thinking about next school year. If you have a child who turns five years old on or before September 1, 2024, they are eligible to enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2024. West Central School District will be holding Kindergarten Screening at the following times: -Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 at Humboldt Elementary (4:00-8:00pm) -Thursday, February 29th, 2024 at Hartford Elementary (4:00-8:00pm) -Friday, March 1st, 2024 at Hartford Elementary (8:00am-4:00pm). Parents are encouraged to choose one day and location that works best with their schedule. Please note that the screening location (Hartford or Humboldt) does not determine school placement. The West Central School District requires that all kindergarten-eligible children (five years old on or before September 1, 2024) be screened. Please plan to attend this event! To register your child and schedule a screening appointment, please refer to the following link by February 23rd, 2024: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084AAEAE22A7F94-45644444-west>.

At this time, we are requesting just one parent accompany the child being screened. The screening takes about one hour to complete. Parents will need to bring a certified copy of their child's birth certificate to complete the registration process. ***There will be no school for current Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students on Friday, March 1st, 2024 due to Kindergarten Screening.***

An addition to the school calendar this year is a Spring Break. There will be no school for all students March 18-22, 2024. We hope students are able to take this time to refresh and rejuvenate and return to wrap up the school year with a strong and successful finish.

As always, a sincere thank you for your support and commitment to the students and staff at both Hartford and Humboldt Elementary School. We appreciate every opportunity to connect with families and look forward to doing more of that in the coming semester!

Kindergarten Options at West Central

West Central School District offers two options for children of Kindergarten age. Children who turn five years old on or before September 1, 2024, are eligible to enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2024.

Junior Kindergarten is offered for children who turn five by September 1, 2024, as well, but need more time to mature (either socially or academically). The Junior Kindergarten program is half days of school, five days a week at WC Hartford Elementary. Transportation is provided within the district at mid-day. Children who attend Junior Kindergarten will attend regular Kindergarten the following year.

Kindergarten is all day, every day at both Hartford and Humboldt Elementary. There are currently 4 sections of Kindergarten and 2 sections of Junior Kindergarten in the WC Hartford Elementary School. There is currently 1 section of Kindergarten at the WC Humboldt Elementary School.

Kindergarten Screening Information

The West Central School District **requires** that all Kindergarten-eligible children (who turn 5 on or before September 1, 2024) be screened. West Central will hold three different scheduling options for Kindergarten Screening. The first option will be on **Tuesday, February 27th from 4:00-8:00 PM at WC Humboldt Elementary**. There will also be options on **Thursday, February 29th from 4:00-8:00 PM and Friday, March 1st from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM at the WC Hartford Elementary**.

Appointment times start every 20 minutes. The screening takes about one hour to complete. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to choose the day and location that works best with their schedule. Please remember that the screening location of Hartford or Humboldt does not determine the school placement. Parents/Guardians and children being screened should plan to attend the screening together. The children will be screened by the kindergarten staff while the parent completes registration forms and necessary enrollment information. Parents need to bring a **certified copy** of their child's **birth certificate** (state law), **verification of residency**, and **immunization documentation**. Also, if your child is on Medicaid, please bring along their Medicaid card.

Kindergarten Registration/Screening Appointments

This year, all screening appointments will be made online through SignUp Genius. The link is below, along with a QR code. All prospective junior kindergarten and kindergarten students **MUST** be screened. Families must register by February 20th for the West Central School District to plan for the upcoming kindergarten classes.

Registration link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084AAEAE22A7F94-45644444-west>

No School for Kindergarten

There will be NO SCHOOL for current Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students on Friday, March 1st due to Kindergarten Screening.



Scan to register

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS - Mark Rockafellow, Principal

We are about to welcome February. How can that be? The fair weather, other than one snowstorm and a short bout with extreme cold, has the year flying by quickly. A busy activity season also keeps us moving. The middle school is a busy place.

Academically, students started their second semester upon return from winter break. They are just wrapping up their second round of benchmark assessments in NWEA. The assessments allow students and teachers to reflect on student progress in the areas of reading, language usage, and math. The results of those assessments will be shared with parents before Parent-Teacher conferences.

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on February 15 from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We intend to provide a virtual option for those who need it. Teachers will provide more information regarding the format in the next couple of weeks. Parents are always encouraged to contact teachers if they need more time or have questions outside the conference window.

The second conferences of the year signal the soon-to-start state testing window. All middle school students will be taking the South Dakota Assessments this Spring. The testing window opens in March and closes in early May. Students will be testing during the first two weeks of April.

Our local Science Fair will be held on February 15, too. The middle school students have been working on either a science fair project or a research project for weeks. The projects will be on display during conferences. Please stop by and check them out.

As for activities, the girls basketball team wrapped up their school season before winter break. Our wrestlers, gymnasts, and boys basketball players are in the midst of their seasons. Our quiz bowl students have completed their first competition and are exercising their minds in preparation for the conference competition. Please help them keep on top of their academic responsibilities as they enjoy their respective activity. Remember, eligibility rules include grades, missing work, and behavior.

We will be on our way to planning for next year when the next Wire article comes out. That message will address end-of-the-year plans and potential changes for next year.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Mark Rockafellow, Principal
605-528-3799, mark.rockafellow@k12.sd.us

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Dr. Andrew Barron, Principal

Communication is a Two-Way Street

One of my goals this year is to have more frequent communication with parents. I have been doing this in a few ways. The most personal communication is when I pick up the phone and reach out individually to parents, but too often I do that when their child is having a bad day. I sometimes will call parents when I have something good to say, and I encourage teachers to do the same. This year, we have made positive phone contacts more than 250 times for our 400 students.

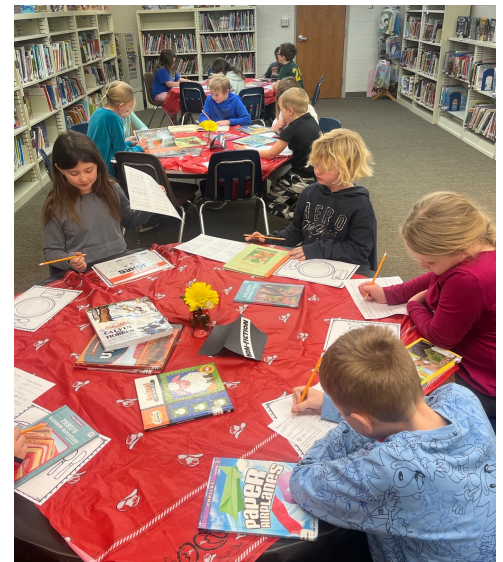
The second way I reach out to parents is through an automated email that goes out each Monday to let parents know if their child has missing assignments. This is a pretty good indicator that a student is falling behind, and I like for parents to know. On Thursdays, an email goes out to parents to let them know if their child is failing a class. This often prompts good discussions between parents and children about their academics.

While these emails serve their purpose, the most important job they have is to open up communication between parents and the school. When we talk to each other, we are better at getting the results we all want for children.

One of the best opportunities for parents and teachers to connect is at our upcoming Winter Conferences on February 15. Mark it on your calendar. We want to see a parent for every child at conferences regardless of how well they are doing in school. Conferences are a unique opportunity for parents and teachers to talk face to face. Children do best when they know that all of the adults in their lives are working together to make them successful, so it sends a powerful signal to children when we all sit around a table together and focus on them. I hope to see you all on February 15.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. Johnson Hosts Book Tasting
Students at Hartford Elementary Library took part in a Book Tasting, where they had a chance to sample books from various genres.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - Andrea Johnson, Activities Director

We have some of the most incredible students at our school, and we couldn't be more proud of their kindness and dedication. Every day, at least five students make it a point to brighten our day with a simple "hello." But their generosity doesn't stop there!

A big shout-out to the 8-15 students who regularly stop by, asking if there's anything they can do to help around the school. Your willingness to lend a hand doesn't go unnoticed, and it makes a significant difference.

And to the 5-20 students who stay after events to help with clean-up – you are absolute rockstars! Your commitment to keeping our school tidy is truly commendable, and the custodial staff and I appreciate your hard work more than words can express.

But there's something even more special happening here. Beyond the practical assistance, these students are role models for our younger kids. The behavior they exhibit – kindness, helpfulness, and a strong sense of community – sets a shining example for the next generation.

To our amazing students, you're not just making our school better; you're shaping the future with your positive influence. Keep being the incredible individuals you are, and thank you for making our school a brighter place every day!

Winter activities are well underway. We are only a few short weeks away from Region and State gymnastics, followed by wrestling, and then basketball. One Act just took 2nd in Regions, and will advance to state February 1-3.

Upcoming Dates:

February 9-10 - State Gymnastics in Pierre

February 10 - Wrestling State Duals at
Brookings

February 17 - Wrestling Regions at Tea

February 22-24 - State Wrestling in Sioux Falls

February 20 & 22 - GBB Regions

February 26 - HS Track and Field Begins

February 29 - GBB SoDak 16

February 27 & March 1 - BBB Regions

March 5 - BBB SoDak 16

March 7-9 - State Girls Basketball in Brookings

March 14-16 - State Boys Basketball in Rapid
City

March 18 - Softball Begins

March 21-23 - All State Band

March 25 - Girls Golf Begins and MS Track and
Field Begins

West Central School events and activities can be located on the website calendar at:

<http://westcentral.mhsoftware.com/ViewNonBannerMonth.html>

BAND NEWS:

Following a successful Winter Band Concert, the high school instrumental department continues to stay busy! The Drumline will be the featured halftime act during the SDSU vs. USD Women's Basketball game on February 3rd in Vermillion! The Drumline was also invited to perform at halftime of the State Girls Class A Basketball Tournament that will be in Brookings on March 7th!

The high school jazz band will travel to Mitchell on February 6th for the Palace City Jazz Festival.

There were five students selected to perform in the SDSU Honor Band Festival that will be held on February 23 - 24th in Brookings. Whitney Pageler (Flute), Andie Ingalls (Clarinet), Maria Hofer (Alto Saxophone), Allison Brost (French Horn), and Anthony Bjergaard (Baritone) audition and were selected to perform among some of the top students in the Tri-State area.

In the middle school, Elliot Lutter (Flute) made the 2024 Middle School All-State Band! She will travel to Mitchell on March 1st & 2nd to perform with top musicians from around the state. The middle school Spring Band Concert will be on March 14th in the Colosseum at 7 pm. It will feature the Middle School Jazz Band, 6th Grade Band, 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band, and the Middle School Marching Band!

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<https://danieleye.wix.com/westcentralband>
Director of Bands



2024 SPRING MUSICAL!!

West Central High School Theater Presents



Auditions:

Feb 5th & 6th @ 3:45

in HS auditorium

Public Performances:

April 19th @ 7pm

April 20th @ 2 & 7pm

This play is rated PG, with a few uses of adult language and adult situations.

Based on the Stephen Spielberg movie, *Catch Me If You Can* tells the true story of Frank Abagnale Jr., a young con artist who successfully posed as an airline pilot, a Georgia doctor, and a Louisiana prosecutor -- all before his 18th birthday. A master of deception, he was also a brilliant forger, Frank became the most successful bank robber in the history of the U.S. The musical follows Frank's cat-and-mouse game with Carl Hanratty, an FBI agent determined to capture him.

End-of-the-Year Theater Potluck/Ceremony:

May 7th @ 6pm (in Auditorium)

Come join us for a potluck dinner in the Commons, and then the end-of-the-year ceremony looking over the year, handing out awards, and looking to next year!

NUTRITION SERVICES - Tanya Thomas-Parsons, Director

We are over half way through the school year. It is amazing how fast time flies. As the Child Nutrition department starts planning for the new school year, be on the lookout for new menu items.



March 4-8, 2024 is National school breakfast week. The theme is "Surfs up". Please join us for breakfast and see what our Child Nutrition department is serving up.



According to <https://www.actionforhealthykids.org>, "Children need snacks to keep their busy bodies and minds going. Healthy snacking can help kids get important nutrients, make up for skipped meals and provide necessary fuel for learning, sports and other activities.

In effort to keep kids performing at their highest level, Trojan Snacketeria will be coming February 1, 2024 to West Central High School. The kitchen will be open for students to purchase "smart snacks" - approved snacks and beverages. Lunch accounts or cash will be accepted. Hours will be 9:00am-10:20am and 1:00pm-1:30pm.

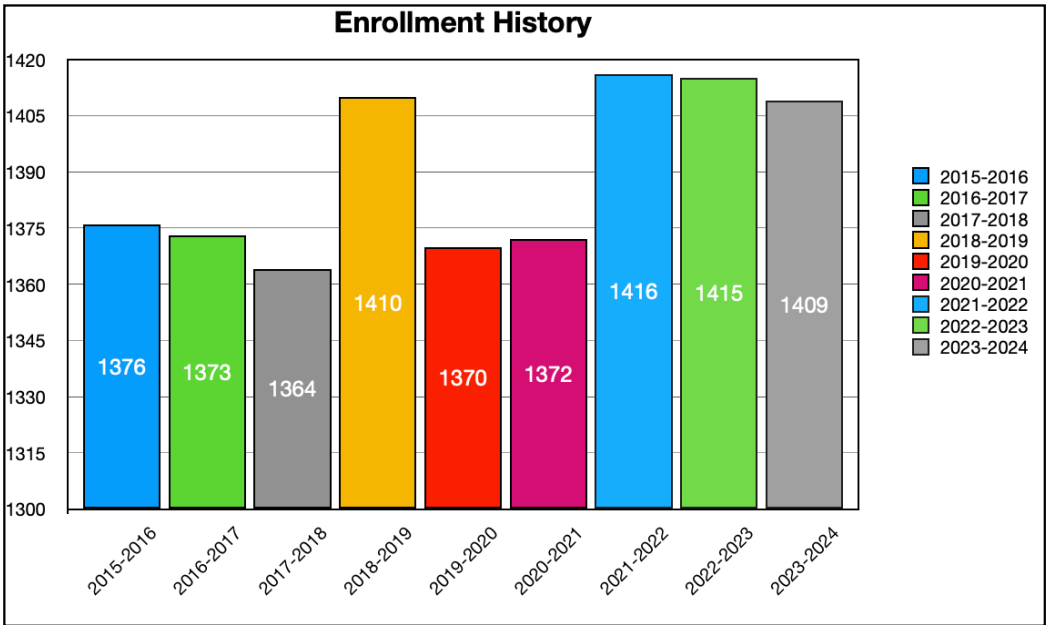
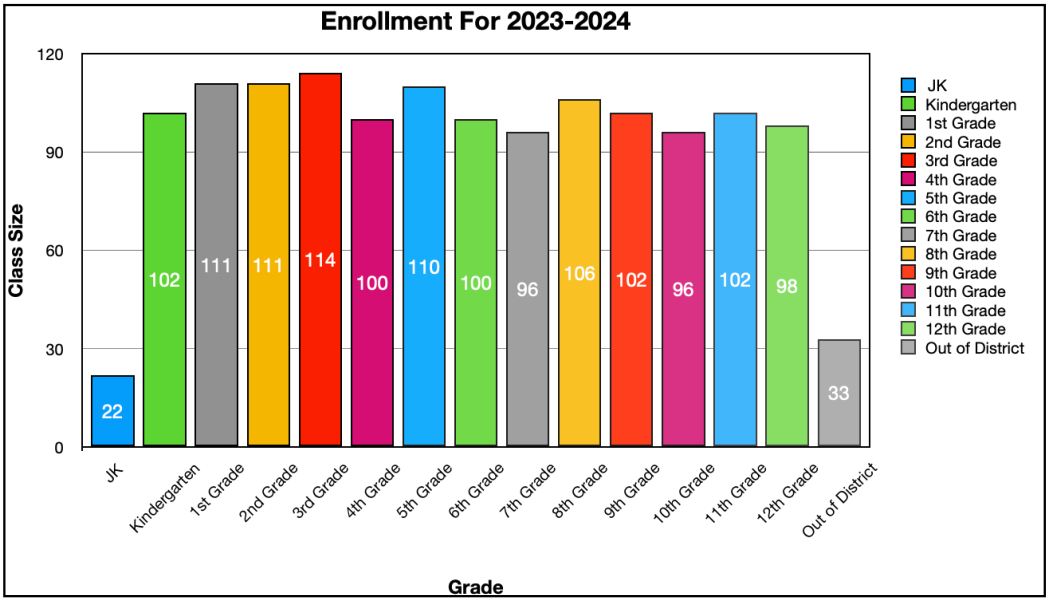


West Central is fortunate to have a giving community. Project 22 has funds to help West Central struggling families. If you are a struggling family please fill out a free and reduced application and contact Tanya Thomas-Parsons at tanya.thomas-parsons@k12.sd.us or call 605-528-6238.

DISTRICT AND BUILDING SNAPSHOTS

West Central School District 49-7 District Snapshot

- Enrollment as of September 29, 2023 - 1409
- Percent Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch - 9.7%
- Percentage of Special Needs Students - 16.9%
- District Attendance Rate - 96.2%
- Certified Teaching Staff in 2023-24 - 93.07 FTE
- Average District Teaching Salary for 2023-2024 - \$56,092
- Average Years of Experience - 15 years
- Starting Salary for 2023-2024 - \$49,250



District Budget 2023-2024

- General Fund - \$12,236,586
- Capital Outlay - \$3,873,700
- Special Education - \$2,947,651
- Debt Service - \$775,000
- Food Service - \$1,083,488
- Construction Fund - \$7,100,000
- Community Activities - \$74,825

The State of South Dakota compiles data on school district expenditures and ranks districts based on the amount of money it costs to educate a student in a given district. In the 2022-2023 school year, it cost \$9,901 to educate a student in the West Central School District. This ranks West Central 122 out of 149 districts, indicating the district spent less money per student than all but 27 districts in the state of South Dakota.

WINTER 2024

West Central Elementary

District Data Sheet

Hartford Elementary

Grades: Early Childhood, Jr. Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First, and Second.

Enrollment: 286 students



Humboldt Elementary

Grades: Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Enrollment: 407 students



Educational Programs:

Special Education

Title I

School Counselors

Physical Therapy

Occupational Therapy

Speech Therapy

English as a Second Language

Differentiated Instruction

Elementary Technology

1-to-1 iPads K-5

Apple TV in each classroom

Enhanced Classroom Audio

Mission Statement

“To prepare all students for learning and living in a changing world”

1:22

Average Student/Teacher Ratio
100% Highly Qualified Staff

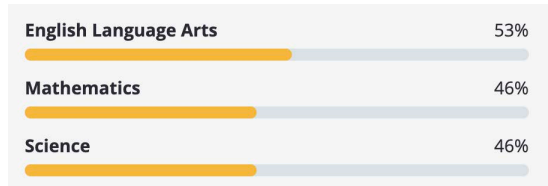


1:1 iPad environment
Enrollment: 302
Teacher to Student Ratio: 1:15

Attendance:



State Test Scores 2023



Academic and Other Programs

Core Classes

6th - Reading, Math, Language Arts, General Science, World History
 7th - Reading, Math, Life Science, Language Arts, Geography
 8th - Reading, Math, Earth Science, Language Arts, American History

Encore & Exploratory Classes

All Grade Levels - Health/Wellness, Physical Education, Band, Vocal
 6th - Guidance, Robotics, Young Adult Lit, Art, & Leadership
 7th - Spanish, Computers-Coding, Digital Citizenship, Art, Civics
 8th - Financial Readiness, Art, Computer-Coding, Cultures, Family & Consumer Science

Extra Curricular Opportunities

Volleyball, Golf, Soccer, Basketball, Cross Country, Oral Interpretation, Football, Drama, Dance, Wrestling, Track and Field, Gymnastics, Quiz Bowl, TATU, Destination Imagination, Student Council, Drum Line, Jazz Band,

Club Sports offered through the West Central community include: Baseball and Softball

Counseling and Support

- Advisory/Advisee Program
- Student Support Counselors
- Behavior Interventionist
- Reading Interventionist
- Technology Coordinator

High School

“Preparing all students for learning and living in a changing world”

Grades:

9-12

Student

Population: 405

Student-to-

Teacher Ratio

17.2:1

Varsity Sports:

Football, Golf,
Volleyball, Cross
Country, Cheer,
Wrestling, Dance,
Basketball,
Gymnastics, Track,
Soccer,
Softball

Activities:

Student Council,
FCCLA, FFA,
SADD, TATU,
HOSA, NHS,
Quiz Bowl,
Educators Rising

Fine Arts:

Theater, Choir,
Marching, Jazz,
and Concert Band,
Oral Interp,
Choir, Madrigal,
News Media,
Yearbook, Speech
and Debate

Club Sports:

Baseball, Bowling,
Rodeo



Challenging and Unique Academic Opportunities

- Online: Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, South Dakota Virtual Education, and Credit Recovery
- College classes: 5 Advanced Placement classes, Dual Credit options, Dual Enrollment with Southeast Technical College.
- Honors English and Chemistry
- CTE courses: FACS, Agriculture, Business, Tech, Construction, and Industrial Technology
- Construction classes build a house, small projects, and storage sheds each year.
- An internship program connects students to the world of work available to all seniors.
- Semester-long ACT (test) Prep class offered to all students.

Profile of a Graduate

Intellectually Equipped

West Central graduates have the academic and technological skills required to succeed in their education and the workplace.

Open to Life-Long Learning

West Central graduates are motivated, life-long learners.

Socially and Emotionally Aware

West Central graduates are empathetic, kind, and caring to all.

Civically Engaged and Service-Minded

West Central graduates are active, responsible, and respectful community members.

Well-Rounded

West Central graduates are resilient in their pursuit of excellence in the arts, academics, and activities, striving for physical and mental wellness.

By the numbers: WCHS has an average graduation rate of 97%, an average ACT score of 22, and College/Career Readiness ratings that are some of the highest in the state. Over half of teachers have advanced degrees.

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