

## West Central School District 49-7

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### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Purpose:** The purpose of community education at West Central School District 49-7 is to provide people with an awareness of the benefits of lifelong learning, and to promote and provide learning experiences for all age groups in the community.

**Philosophy:** The philosophy of community education is that learning experiences provided in this program should include opportunities in academic, recreational, social, cultural, skill and community improvement activities that meet the learning needs of the patrons of the school district.

Community education should maximize the use of the school facilities by making the facilities available for community education purposes when the facilities are not being used for ongoing K-12 programs.

Community education should maximize the use of the district staff and community members as instructors and by involving local citizens in the course offerings.

Community education, in order to meet the needs of the people, should constantly survey the community to determine program offerings. This survey shall be done informally and formally with written survey instruments. The process for this survey should be created by the coordinator of the community education program, and have the approval of the superintendent.

*Legal References:* SDCL 13-33-3

*Policy:*

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