

Chester Area School

Chester
Flyers'
colors are
red and white



The school mascot - Pegasus

Equal Opportunity Statement

The Chester Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Chester Area School District provides equal opportunities with services to all individuals, including those with disabilities.

The Chester Area School District has designated the following person as the contact to coordinate efforts to comply with this requirement. Inquiries should be directed to:

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(2010-2011 Information)

Serving as a hub for three communities in rural East Central South Dakota, Chester Area School District encompasses over 140 square miles with 60,000 miles per year of school bus service allocated throughout five routes for the communities of Chester, Franklin and Wentworth.

Our preschool -12th grade complex is nestled on the outlying edge of Chester. This serene setting includes an elementary playground, all-weather track, football field, baseball field and outdoor science lab; all located on the northern edge of a small rural community surrounded by green grass, elegant trees and golden crops.

One step inside the doors of Chester Area School proves the vision of its patrons. A clean, up-to-date facility radiates as Chester pride runs deep throughout the building. Flyer pride fills the hearts of community members, area businesses, and the 349 students and 70 staff members that make Chester Area School unique.

Commitment is evident from the school's exterior and interior. From the outside it is difficult to see that there are three schools in one: the high school was built in 1969, the elementary wing added in 1990, and an additional four rooms added to the elementary in 2000. Though separate projects, the entire exterior looks like one beautifully designed building wrapped with a striking landscape.

Inside, visitors are greeted with an inviting atmosphere and updated rooms that are clean and well-kept. The three computer labs, gleaming wooden gym floor, and carpeted rooms and halls provide a comfortable and attractive learning environment. Award winning academic, music, drama, technology and athletic departments afford students ample opportunity to meet or exceed State and National Educational Standards.

The bold red and white colors of Chester Area School and the Pegasus (FLYERS) mascot are proudly displayed throughout the school and the community, adorning everything from street signs and automobiles to clothing. Being home to a myriad of community-oriented activities, the school is a welcoming place for patrons and visitors.

The PreK-12 curriculum is fully accredited by the South Dakota Department of Education and Cultural Affairs. Chester is a member of Technology in Education (TIE), and Prairie Lakes Educational Cooperative with eleven surrounding school districts.

Chester Area School welcomes everyone to take part in its many activities and experiences offered by a caring and innovative school committed to building leaders of the future.

Chester Area School

Serving the areas of
Chester, Franklin
and Wentworth



Educating the whole child.

Mark Greguson—Superintendent
Mike Reinhiller—High School Principal
Faith Stratton—Elementary Principal
Kristi Lewis—Business Manager
Pat Scott—Board President

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“Cooperatively preparing all students to succeed....”

2010-2011

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Jennifer Kamrud: Preschool & Begindergarten
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***Jean Benson** & Helen Mogen: K-12 Music
***Brooke McDonald:** 6-8 Math
***Ross Peterson:** 6-8 SS, 6th Computers & JH PE
Sara Miller: Biology I & II, Psychology/Sociology, & Economics
***Sarah Olivier:** Library, 6-8 Reading & Language Arts
Carrie Oorlog: 10-12 English, Speech
Brett Gardner: 7-8 Computers, Health & PE
***Barnaby Cook:** 9-12 History/Government
Dale Bartels: Vocational Ag
***Kristi Phillips:** Physical Science, Chemistry & Physics
***Velda Schneider:** Spanish, Comp & Grammar
Jarrod Huntimer: Pre-Calc, Geometry, Alg. I & II
Shane Fods: 9-12 Computers, Calculus
***Jami Wolf:** Network Administrator
Rod Smith: Cyber School Coordinator
Dean Baumberger: Cyber School Science
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Amy Larson & Jamie Finke: Cyber School Math
Corey Haken: Cyber School Social Studies
Shirley Gerry: Cyber School Health
Michael Kamrud: Cyber School Computers

*** Denotes a Master's Degree**

**“Cooperatively preparing all students
to succeed as lifelong learners in an
ever-changing world.”**

2009-2010 Enrollment

Begindergarten	4
Kindergarten	32
Grade 1	20
Grade 2	23
Grade 3	20
Grade 4	22
Grade 5	19
Rustic Acres	9
Total Elementary	149
Grade 6	30
Grade 7	26
Grade 8	22
Rustic Acres	8
Total Middle School	86
Grade 9	21
Grade 10	25
Grade 11	28
Grade 12	40
Total High School	114
Total K-12	349
Cyber School	205
High Plains Alternative	21
Total Students	575

*numbers from report on October 12, 2010

Teacher/Student Ratio

K-5	1 to 19
6-8	1 to 18
9-12	1 to 14
K-12	1 to 17
K-12 Student/Computer Ratio	1.5 to 1

2009-2010

School District Expenditures

General Fund	\$3,288,673
Capital Outlay	626,361
Special Education	793,237
Bond Redemption	72,093
Pension	60,989

2009 Taxable Valuations

(payable 2010)

Agriculture	\$96,108,085
Owner Occupied	66,935,869
Non-Ag Z	4,924,531
Other Non-Ag/Utilities	43,474,036
Total	\$211,442,521

School Data

Avg. Student Attendance Rate	97.6%
Avg. Teacher Experience	11.8 yrs.
Teachers with Masters Degree	13.0
Students Bussed	237.0
ACT Composite	20.1
Attending Open Enrollees	116.0

2009 Payable 2010

(Levy Per Thousand)

Gen Ag	\$2.573	Special Ed	\$1.400
Non-Ag	3.573	Capital Outlay	3.000
Gen Own Occ.	4.042	Bond Redemp.	0.334

General Other

Non-Ag/Utilities	\$ 8.656
Pension Fund	0.300

Information taken from 2009-2010 SD DOE statistics