

Garretson School District 49-4



Garretson
Blue Dragons'
Colors
Royal Blue and White

School Mascot
Blue Dragons

Equal Opportunity Statement

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

The Garretson 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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Garretson School District

The Garretson School District serves the communities of Garretson and Sherman. It encompasses over eighty-eight square miles along the Minnesota border.

The preschool-12 school is on Main Street, one block south of the Main Street businesses. In an area just east of the school, there is an updated and remodeled baseball field, swimming pool, softball diamonds and an eight lane all-weather track with an artificial turf football field. One mile south of Garretson, just off Highway 11, is a nine-hole golf course.

Garretson pride is evident from the school's exterior and interior. The original high school was built in 1929. Additional areas or sections were added in the late 1950s, 1964, 1980, 1990 and the latest update in 2001. These additions enable us to keep all students under one roof.

Inside, visitors are greeted with a glass block entrance to the library with an inviting atmosphere and updated rooms that are clean and well-kept. The four computer labs, two gleaming gym floors, carpeted hallways and a great commons offer an updated look to the building. Award winning academics, music, drama and athletics offer our students ample opportunity to meet or exceed State and National Educational Standards.

Garretson's royal blue and white colors and the Blue Dragons mascot are proudly displayed throughout the school and community. Many activities and events are named after the adventurous Jesse James who, according to legend, jumped the Devil's Gulch while escaping on horseback.

The preschool-12 facility is fully accredited by the South Dakota Department of Education and Cultural Affairs. The Garretson School District is a member of Technology in Education (TIE) and the Prairie Lakes Educational Cooperative with eleven surrounding school districts. The school also belongs to the Big East Conference with seven other schools that support extra-curricular activities.

The Garretson School District welcomes visitors to share in its mission of "Creating a Gateway to Life-Long Learning."

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Serving the communities of
Garretson and Sherman



Robert L. Arend - Superintendent
Chris Long - MS/HS Principal
Teresa Johnson - Elementary Principal
Rod Fischer - Business Manager

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2013 - 2014

"Creating a Gateway to Life-Long Learning"

Board of Education

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Creating a Gateway to Life-Long Learning

2012 - 2013*

South Dakota State Department of Education

Distinguished School District
 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Distinguished High School (9-12)
 2005, 2008

Distinguished Middle School (6-8)
 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011

Distinguished Elementary School (PS-5)
 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

Accountability Data

Reading % Proficient/Advanced	82.33%
Math % Proficient/Advanced	81.63%
4 Year Cohort Graduation Rate	86.54%
High School Completion Rate	100%

American College Test (ACT)*

English	20.5
Math	21.1
Reading	21.9
Science	21.6
Composite Score	21.5
Number Tested	33

2013-2014 Enrollment

Preschool/Head Start	29
Kindergarten	27
Grade 1	38
Grade 2	37
Grade 3	41
Grade 4	41
Grade 5	51
Total Elementary	235
Grade 6	39
Grade 7	32
Grade 8	42
Total Middle School	113
Grade 9	41
Grade 10	31
Grade 11	28
Grade 12	37
Total High School	137
Garretson Academy	2
Total	516

Teacher-Student Ratio

K-5	1 to 15
6-8	1 to 17
9-12	1 to 13
K-12	1 to 15

School District Expenditures

General Fund	\$ 2,921,298
Capital Outlay	753,505
Special Education	675,782
Bond Redemption	253,761

2012 Taxable Valuations

Agriculture	\$ 90,435,989
Owner Occupied	98,903,981
Other Non-Agriculture/Utilities	25,464,829
Total	\$214,804,799

School Data

Avg. Student Attendance Rate	96.9%
Avg. Teacher Experience (Years)	14.8
Students Bussed	254
ACT Composite	21.5
Attending Open Enrollees	49

2012 Payable 2013 (Levy Per Thousand)

Agriculture	\$ 2.322
Owner Occupied	4.029
Other Non-Agriculture/Utilities	8.628
Special Education	1.400
Capital Outlay	3.000
Bond Redemption	1.363
Pension Fund	0.300

Cost Per Average Daily Membership (ADM) = \$6,930
 Ranks 129 of 151 School Districts in South Dakota

*latest information from the Department of Education