



as of 01/20/2026

2024-2025 Profile of Northwestern Area 56-7

221 3rd St, Mellette, SD 57461

Home County: Spink

Area in Square Miles: 669

Student Data		Teaching Staff Data		American College Test (ACT) *	
Fall 2024 PK-12 Enrollment	387	Average Teacher Salary	\$52,144	English	22.4
Fall 2024 K-12 Fall Enrollment	374	Avg Years of Experience	16.5	Math	20.5
Fall 2024 State Aid Fall Enrollment	374.10	% with Advanced Degrees	11.5%	Reading	23.8
Open Enrolled Students Rec'd	144	Certified Instructional Staff	24.4	Science	23.2
December 2024 Federal Child Count*	61	Classroom Staff	0.0	Composite Score	22.5
% Special Needs Students*	15.8%			Number Tested	12
% Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch**	13.1%				
District Dropout Rate	12.8%				
District Attendance Rate	94.6%				
Student to Staff Ratio	15.9				
Number of Graduates	33				

* Child Count data not displayed when student count <10.

** No Free/Red. Lunch Eligible data are displayed when > 90%.

State Aid Teacher Compensation

Average Teacher Compensation \$73,534

Enrollment Data			State Aid Funding		Ending Fund Balance	
Average Daily Attendance	Average Daily Membership					
PK	13.624	14.230	General Aid	\$1,640,613	General	\$489,181
KG-8	194.363	202.931	Special Education	\$0	Capital Outlay	\$1,649,241
9-12	156.798	168.426	Sparsity	\$0	Special Education	\$185,148
Total	364.785	385.587	Extraordinary Cost Fund*	\$0	Impact Aid	\$0
			Total State Aid	\$1,640,613		

* Represents approved amount paid to district.

Cost per ADM*		2024 Payable 2025 Taxable Valuations		2024 Payable 2025 Levy per Thousand	
Educational Funds	\$10,137	Agricultural	\$730,809,722	Agricultural	\$1.197
* Includes selected expenditures from General, Capital Outlay, and Special Education		Owner Occupied	\$61,864,142	Owner Occupied	\$2.679
		Other Non-Ag/Utilities	\$56,958,982	Other Non-Ag/Utilities	\$5.544
		Total	\$849,632,846	Special Education	\$0.242
				Capital Outlay	\$1.537
				Bond Redemption	\$0.000

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Revenue by Fund

	General	Capital Outlay	Special Education
Local	\$1,681,700	\$1,292,916	\$207,031
County	\$13,564	\$68	\$35
State	\$1,698,447	\$0	\$0
Federal	\$138,662	\$162,543	\$0
Total	\$3,532,373	\$1,455,527	\$207,067

Other Fund Data

	Revenue	Expenditures
Impact Aid	\$0	
Bond Redemption	\$0	\$0
Capital Projects	\$0	\$0
Food Service	\$203,139	\$274,951
Other Enterprise	\$46,950	\$87,946

Expenditure by Fund

	General	Capital Outlay	Special Education
K-12 Instruction	\$1,952,549	\$156,335	\$290,266
PK Instruction	\$0	\$0	\$54,602
Adult Instruction	\$0	\$0	\$0
Student/Staff Services	\$162,072	\$35,101	\$13,743
Administration Services	\$506,409	\$8,851	\$13,185
Fiscal Services	\$83,104	\$9,412	\$0
Fac./Acquis./Const. Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operation/Maint. Services	\$298,482	\$290,496	\$0
Transportation Services	\$208,613	\$60,512	\$0
Other Support Services	\$1,052	\$0	\$0
Community Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Programmed	\$11,626	\$0	\$0
Debt Service	\$0	\$543,521	\$0
Co-Curricular	\$208,990	\$31,066	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$3,432,898	\$1,135,293	\$371,797

Expenditure by Object Categories*

	Salary	Benefit	Purchased Service	Supply	Property	Other
K-12 Instruction	\$1,495,057	\$471,469	\$261,587	\$212,547	\$0	\$1,434
PK Instruction	\$16,330	\$5,418	\$54,602	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adult Instruction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Student/Staff Services	\$125,677	\$29,729	\$19,730	\$33,840	\$0	\$1,939
Administration Services	\$311,629	\$106,618	\$76,315	\$21,648	\$449	\$11,785
Fiscal Services	\$56,000	\$23,848	\$1,772	\$10,621	\$0	\$275
Fac./Acquis./Const. Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operation/Maint. Services	\$111,946	\$21,563	\$319,084	\$117,917	\$18,070	\$398
Transportation Services	\$128,243	\$19,011	\$7,939	\$113,560	\$0	\$373
Other Support Services	\$93,574	\$48,993	\$6,539	\$142,495	\$0	\$4,776
Community Services	\$0	\$0	\$2,880	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Programmed	\$10,800	\$826	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$543,521
Co-Curricular	\$88,185	\$12,593	\$50,995	\$81,015	\$0	\$7,268
Total Expenditures	\$2,437,441	\$740,068	\$801,442	\$733,644	\$18,519	\$571,770

*Expenditure category data in the above table includes the sum of ALL K-12 funds operated by the district.