

Sheridan County School District #1 General Information for Visitors

Sheridan County School District One is one of three school districts located in Sheridan County, Wyoming. It is approximately 60 miles long and 30 miles wide. The district contains 932 square miles and has the Wyoming-Montana border as its northern boundary. The district administrative office is located in Ranchester, which is approximately 15 miles north of Sheridan on Interstate 90. The school district serves approximately 900 students from the communities of Big Horn, Dayton, Ranchester, and Parkman.

An administrative staff of nine manages the district: the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, five building principals, the Business Manager and Technology Coordinator. We currently have 107 certified staff members and 66 support staff. District One operates a 4-day week, with 148 non-interrupted student days per year. Professional staff members work 164 days per year, including 16 Fridays for in-service and curriculum development. Currently we are in our 19th year on this 4-day week schedule, which permits us to place a strong emphasis on professional growth.

The Board of Trustees believes strongly that in order to have effective schools we must have caring staff members who are willing to continually prepare themselves for the important work they do. We are one of the few school districts in the state that invests in staff by reimbursing them for tuition costs to further their education.

The district has a special services department to serve students with special needs. We also have a coordinator of our gifted and talented programs, who works with teachers to provide enriched experiences for students through the Venture Program.

Our staff works hard to involve families in the business of educating their children. Each of our schools has a parent advisory group. The district has recently initiated a Continuous Improvement Process, designed to set educational and climate goals for each school. In this ongoing process, input from students, families, staff, and community members are solicited through written surveys and public meetings. We measure our progress, and as goals are accomplished we will continue to set new ones.

We are strongly committed to our district's mission statement: "SUCCESS FOR ALL THROUGH LEARNING"

Sheridan County School District One's enrollment has remained consistent over the past five years, even though predictions indicated there would be a decrease. The district has seen a shift in enrollment figures, not only from school to school, but also from growth in the Tongue River Schools to the Big Horn Schools. Enrollment figures are as follows:

	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002-03 as of 4/30/03
Big Horn Elementary		105	128	145	158	153	156	152	142	153	158	150	148
Big Horn Middle		64	69	79	82	88	87	87	94	100	100	104	99
Big Horn High		90	85	107	107	98	102	113	123	134	133	145	143
Tongue River Elementary		217	230	195	185	245	215	212	222	197	179	166	184
Slack School		7	8	9	9	14	10	8	10	7	7	4	3
Tongue River Middle		170	179	190	197	153	153	142	148	125	127	139	131
Tongue River High		153	149	157	173	177	174	175	167	176	166	149	156
DISTRICT TOTAL	780	806	848	882	911	928	897	889	906	892	870	857	864

Special Services

Sheridan County School District One maintains a comprehensive Special Services Department, which includes the following student and instructional support programs: Special Education; Title I and VI; Educational Resource Center; Drug Free Schools; Gifted and Talented (Venture Program); and Federal and State Grants (Entitlement and Competitive).

Philosophy. Special Programs is a district program designed to provide support services to children, teachers, and parents of students who have been identified as disabled, disadvantaged academically or economically. At Risk (academically, alcohol/drugs, dropping-out, health impaired), behaviorally disordered and students who need enrichment (Venture) activities. Special Programs is a service unit, providing information, guidance, intervention strategies, disabled student assessment and evaluation, and instructional support upon request.

For information on any aspect of Special Programs contact the Special Services Office (Central Office) in Ranchester at 655-9541.



EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

The Superintendent may close school for any one or a combination of the following conditions: extreme temperatures, high winds, poor visibility (blowing snow or fog), freezing rain, extreme snow accumulations, and drifting snow.

If any of these conditions exist, please listen to the radio (KROE 9:30 AM; KWYO 1410 AM) for closure information. If no announcements are made, school will operate as normal. If school remains open in conditions you are uncomfortable with, you may keep your child home.