

Sturgis Williams Middle School

Sturgis Williams Middle School consists of 497 students in grades 6-8. The average pupil teacher ratio is 15:1. Administration includes Principal Ann Nonnast and part-time Assistant Principal Dave Olson. A complete support staff is on duty to aid in the operation of the school.

The curriculum for all three grades conforms to state standards and consists of English, math, social studies, science and reading. Students are also enrolled on a rotating basis in the encore classes of art, physical education and computers.

Students also have an opportunity to take exploratory classes which offer hands-on, participatory, and wide-ranging opportunities and experiences beyond the core courses. Examples include classes about astronomy/art, life skills, journalism, philanthropy, problem solving and creative activities based on science, technology, engineering and math.

Interested students may participate in choir, band and group instruction on musical instruments. Students who are involved in band and choir participate in several contests and concerts throughout the school year. Knowledge Bowl is offered to students in both seventh and eighth grades. Students also have an opportunity to participate in drama.

Athletics play an important part in the life of the SWMS student. Lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, competitions and how to win and lose gracefully are integral parts of the SWMS athletic program. Seventh and eighth grade boys may participate in the sports of football, basketball, cross country, wrestling and track. Girls may choose from cross country, basketball, volleyball, track and dance cheer. Cross country and wrestling are also open to sixth grade students. Although middle school programs are not offered in golf, SWMS students maybe allowed to participate with the high school teams. All students who participate must maintain eligibility to compete in these sports.

All staff and students received MacBook Air laptops through the 1:1 technology initiative which was rolled out this school year.

*For a complete overview of the school, visit
<http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/index.php/sturgis-williams/>
or call 605.347.5232.*

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Facts about Sturgis Williams Middle School for 2015-16

- ★ Classes taught by highly qualified teachers: **100%**
- ★ Attendance achievement: **95.1%**
- ★ Student achievement English
46.83% are Level 3* and 4*
(47.95% statewide)
- ★ Student achievement Math
37.33% are Level 3* and 4*
(37.84% statewide)
- ★ Student achievement Science
83.53% are Level 3* and 4*
(71.54% statewide)

* 3 is proficient; 4 is advanced



Sturgis Williams Middle School, located at 1425 Cedar Street, houses the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and also the administrative offices of the middle school principal and assistant principal. The school was built in 1958 and renovated in 1999 and 2014.



Grunwald Auditorium is located on the north end of the school and is home to most middle school athletic activities plus other school events. A new facade and paved areas adjacent to the a handicapped entrance were added in 2013.

⌘ bit of history about the building

In the general election of November 1956, patrons of the district approved, by 80 percent margin, a \$750,000 bond issue for a new high school. (Which now houses Sturgis Williams Middle School) Stoneberger Construction of Lead was the prime contractor and the total cost was \$858,783,51. In addition to the bond, the facility was financed with \$61,383.51 in capital outlay funds and a federal grant of \$47,400. The 3,000-seat auditorium was later named for E.E. Grunwald, who served as superintendent from 1930-1965. Dedication of the new school and auditorium took place March 15, 1959. Presiding over the dedication was South Dakota's governor at the time, Ralph Herseth.