

UNDERWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide every student with an academically excellent education.

VISION STATEMENT:

Using Standards to build excellence.

BELIEF

Failing is not an option.
Every student is able to learn.
Focused and committed to the learning of each student.

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

**Both Our
Elementary and High School**

**Have met AYP from
2003 to 2013**

STUDENT ENROLLMENT for 2013-2014

PRE-K – 6th Grade – 149
7th – 12th Grades – 92

STAFF

Classroom Teachers – 27
Administrative Staff – 3
Support Staff – 17

Average Daily Attendance

95%

Graduation Rates for 2008-2013

87.984%

ACADEMIC GOALS

End of 3rd Grade:

Every student is at grade level in reading, writing, and math.

End of 6th Grade:

Every student is ready to transition to Junior High.

End of 8th Grade:

Every student will have a High School Plan of Study.

End of 10th Grade:

Every student has the credits necessary to graduate on time.

End of 12th Grade:

Every student graduates college and career ready.

COMMON GOALS

Every student and staff member will be provided a safe and nurturing learning environment.

Every student will be prepared to develop meaningful relationships with peers and adults.

Every student is prepared to be positive contributors and leaders in the community.

Pre-K – 12th Grade EFFECTIVE PRACTICES

Using Common Core State Standards provides our students with a consistent, clear understanding of what they are expected to learn.

UNDERWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Confident
Optimistic
Motivated
Encouraging
Trustworthy
Successful



OUR VISION STATEMENT

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Daily 5
Guided Reading
Barton – Dyslexia Modifications
Accelerated Reader 1st -11th grade
RAZ Kids – vocabulary and comprehension K – 6th

COLLABORATION

SEED Team
Leadership Team
Child Study Teams
Grade Level Meetings
Professional Learning Communities
School Improvement Teams (AdvancEd)

CURRICULUM

Career and College Ready
Higher Level Thinking Skills
Balanced Literacy Skills PK - 6
Cutting edge technology tools and education
Emphasis on building Non-Fiction Instruction
Reading and Writing across the curriculum K - 12
Aligned PK-12 Curriculum based on Common Core
Apply Math skills to solve problems in numerous ways

5 QUESTIONS TO GET STUDENTS THINKING & TALKING

What do you think?
Can you tell me more?
Why do you think that?
How do you know this?
What questions do you still have?

HIGH –LEVEL CLASSROOM CHECKLIST

Engage students' interest
Coach students to mastery
Make the most of every minute
Use feedback to encourage effort
Help students apply their learning
Make performance expectations clear
Help students develop deep knowledge
Interact meaningfully with every student
Have students set personal learning objectives
Measure understanding against high expectations
Use standards to guide every learning opportunity
Create an oasis of safety and respect in the classroom

LIFE SKILLS

SMART Goals
CPR Certification
Financial Literacy Education
First Responder Certification
“Four critical Cs” – Critical thinking, Communication,
Creative problem solving and Collaboration

PK-12 POSITIVE ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SYSTEM

RTI
Working Lunch
After School Homework Help

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

SLEDS
First Aid
Technology
Educational Book Studies
Common Core Standards
SEEDS Project – Data Driven
Suicide Prevention & Intervention
MREC Presentations & Opportunities
A-Z Writing, Science, Reading, and Vocabulary

OUR TRADITIONS

Our students have made a name for being successful.
Our graduates need less remediation than many
students from area schools. We have a strong tradition
of putting academics first and that will continue.
Spelling Bee
Math Counts
Meeting AYP
Band Night Parade
McLean County Acalympics
Minot State Technology Day
Homecoming Week Activities
McLean County Entrepreneur Expo
American Mathematics Competition
Competitive Fine Arts and Athletic Programs
Fourth Grade North Dakota History Projects

OUR STRENGTHS

Communication
Provide safe and caring environment
Strong Internal/External Support System
Willing to send people to conferences (always learning)
Technology (infrastructure and skill-based with teachers
and students)

WHAT WE DO DIFFERENTLY

Passionate, Personable, Approachable, Never give up
Positive Attitude
Engage our students