

Flandreau Indian School



“Home of the Indians”

School Information

- Off-reservation boarding school, grades 9-12.
- 1 of 4 BIA schools still operating under federal support.
- Located in Flandreau, South Dakota
- Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe-checker board reservation
- Community of Flandreau has approximately 2500 residence
- 15 miles southwest of Pipestone, Minnesota



History of Flandreau Indian School

- 1889-South Dakota becomes a state.
- 1890-R.F. Pettigrew wins Senate Seat on promise that he will create a school for Boarding Students at Flandreau.
- 1890-1892: Indian School is passed by Congress. R.F. Pettigrew sells land to government.
- 1892-First three boarding school buildings built.
- Presbyterian frame building moved across river at Wind Street bridge and placed on highest part of near campus.
- Classes continue while near buildings are being built to the east and north.
- 1893-Flandreau Indian Boarding School opens as "Riggs Institute".

History of Flandreau Indian School



Early 1900's
Choir at the
Flandreau
Indian School

History Continued

- Over the years, the school has been called:

*Flandreau Industrial High School,
U.S. Government Indian Industrial School,
Flandreau Industrial Indian School, etc.*

- 1931-named Flandreau Indian School

FIS Demographics

- Average Enrollment, 280 Students
- Approximately 42 Tribes represented
- Most represented states are South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Nebraska, Wisconsin.
- Other students from states nation-wide including, Washington, Oregon, Florida, Alaska, Texas, Minnesota, Illinois, Arizona
- Students from reservation and urban areas

VISION STATEMENT

- To provide a safe and healthy environment rich in cultural values and practices.
- To assure students opportunity to participate actively in their learning.
- To assist students in becoming responsible, productive citizens.
- To model and nurture lifelong practices and habits for belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity.

Mission Statement

Flandreau Indian School provides opportunities for quality education experiences for Native American youth within the context of their cultural heritage.

Academics

- Grades 9th-12th
- Credit Recovery Program-Odyssey Ware
- Study Centers located in Girls and Boys Dorms
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Specialized Education Services



JROTC



FIS Sports & Recreation

- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Girls Volleyball
- Cross-Country
- Track
- Intermural Basketball
- Horse riding
- Student Outings
- Coming Soon:
Football



Clubs and Cultural Activities

- Indian Club
- Various afterschool clubs
- Academic clubs
- Senior Honoring & Pow Wow
- Dakota 38 Wokiksuye Ride
- Sweat Lodge
- Cultural Ceremonies
- Talent Show



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"Partnering for a Brighter Future"

Partnership

- In 2010, FIS partnered with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to provide students with access to resources and programs on and off the FIS campus.
- These services and programs are intended to empower students to overcome life experiences and challenges caused by exposure to violence and/or as victims of crime and violence.

Shared Vision

In fulfillment of the vision of FIS to prepare youth to “take their rightful place as participating members of their community”, and to “provide a safe and healthy environment disciplined by adherence to cultural values and practices”, a shared vision between Flandreau Indian School and the Office for Victims of Crime continues to evolve to provide a pathway for student success.

Student Support

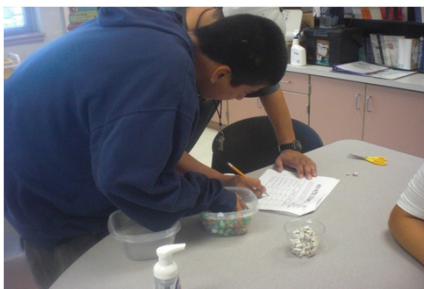
OVC funding for clinical staff and therapeutic programs continues to provide students with the necessary resources to cope with the challenges these youth face while living outside of their natural support systems of family, community and tribe.

Student Programs

OVC funding supports the following programs:

- Warrior Society
- All Nations Women's Society
- Counseling and Therapeutic Services
- Campus-wide Wellness Program
- Boys & Girls therapeutic groups
- Peer Mentoring Program
- Smoking Cessation Classes
- Other groups and services as needed
- Summer School

Summer School



Collaboration

Outside Agencies
Special People at FIS

All Nations Women Society (ANWS)

Vision

Our vision is to help teach the young women self-respect, respect of others, achievement of goals set forth for themselves. To be able to go out into society being goal and success oriented and feel the goodness inside of being a Native woman.

All Nations Women Society

Mission

Our mission in the All Nations Women Society is to teach Native Culture and Traditions to all involved in our group. Teaching and learning from each other the values and virtues of being a Native woman. We strive to show them respect, honesty, wisdom and fortitude. To bring each and everyone of the young women together as one, Tiospaya (Family). Not all tribal nations share the same cultural traditions. As young native women we are encouraged to seek out the irreplaceable wisdom and knowledge of tribal elders.

Developing Cultural Awareness

- The All Nations Women Society began when staff approached Josette Peltier with their concerns that female students had little or no connection with their Native culture.
- It was apparent that there was a need for female students to be aware of their Native culture and have opportunities to participate in culturally relevant activities.

Student Participation

- The group began with a mandatory meeting for all female students. They were given the opportunity to participate with the ANWS.
- Since that meeting, all meetings and activities have been volunteer.
- At least 12 to 25 students participate in weekly meetings and activities.
- Meetings and activities are on-going during the academic year, August-May.

Cultural Impact

- Initially, very few were familiar with Native culture and heritage.
- Student participation increased as cultural connections became important emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually.
- Each year, an increasing number of students continue to embrace their Native culture and share this knowledge with others.

Special Events

- Invited to share ANWS experiences:
- Dakota Wicohan Indigenous Women's Forum
Panel Participants
Morton, Minn.
- Dakota 38 Riders Training and Healing Conference 2012
- (FIS students honored)
Spirit Lake Reservation
- Canyon Falls School District
FIS Student Presentation on Native Cultural Awareness
Canyon Falls, Minn.
- Dakota 38 Wokiksuye Ride 2012
Mankato, Minn.
- Speaking Tour of ANWS to various Indian Reservations 2013

Special Moments

- Russell Means presentation in Augustana College
- Visiting Historical Sites on the Pine Ridge Reservation, Bear Butte, and Black Hills
- Participation in the Dakota Women's Society of Flandreau at Eastman Hall
- ANWS Student Created Power Point Presentations of Cultural Background
- Year end meeting with Chief School Administrator: Betty Belkam (retired)
- Give away at Morton Pow Wow by: Sandee Geshick
- Year End Trip

Distinguished Speakers

- Alberta Miller-Oglala Lakota
- Sandra Geshick-Lower Sioux
- Stephaine Charging Eagle-Minneconjou
- Theresa Two Bulls-Oglala Lakota
- Angie Holy Bull-Flandreau Santee Sioux
- Caroline Schrader-Flandreau Santee Sioux

Distinguished Guest



Senator John Thune-SD

Billy Mills-Olympics Winner



Student Success

