

# Dixon R-1 Schools



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The Dixon R-I School District is fully accredited by the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The district is composed of three schools, Pre-School/elementary (Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade), Middle School (6th through 8th grades), and High School (9th through 12th grades). The district employs five administrators, 85 certified teachers, and 63 non-certified staff, including bus drivers, maintenance personnel, cooks, and custodial personnel. Of the 85 certified teachers, 42 teachers or 47% have Masters Degrees or higher. The current teaching staff has an average of 12+ years of teaching experience.

Dixon's student to teacher ratio boasts approximately (12 to 1) which is great for the students. Enrollment for pre-k through grade 12 at the end of 2018 was about 960 students. Eighty six certified teachers oversee the classroom instruction and are able to give individual attention to the young people eager to learn.

Even with tremendous state-imposed funding cuts the past two years, the district finished the year on firm financial footing and is positioned to weather any

storms imposed by additional funding cuts anticipated for the upcoming school year. The funding cuts and those expected during the next school year have not resulted in the cutting of any programs within the Dixon R-I School District as has been required in many other districts within the state. The seven-member, elected school board has been very diligent in keeping spending under control and has a budget that fully funds programs without sacrificing programs or staff positions.

## Dixon Elementary School

Dixon Elementary is the home to preschool and grades kindergarten through fifth grade. The preschool averages

about 60 preschool students in morning and afternoon sessions. Each session is approximately 3.5 hours and students are provided free transportation for both sessions along with a snack. There are two full-time teachers certified in Early Childhood. The preschool has vacations and breaks in sync with the district's school calendar. There is also a program for three-year-old children with special needs.

Dixon Elementary has a Parents as Teachers Program in which a certified educator makes home visits and helps with academic planning for students. There are two parent activity nights for children enrolled in preschool and the PAT programs. These activity nights are held at the elementary school with parents and students participating in activities together and enjoying snacks.

Dixon Elementary School promotes family and school communication by hosting grade level "Family Nights" each month. We begin these monthly family nights in September with a student presentation, information about the curriculum, and culminates in a meal provided by the Bullpup Boosters. Family Nights give teachers and families an opportunity to collaborate on the learning happening in school.

Dixon Elementary School's mission is "Dedicated to Educating all Students." Our teachers, staff, and students work to support an attitude of "expecting excellence." We encourage and teach our students to set goals for growth in reading and math. Our schedule has a time set aside for RTI (response to intervention) for grades K-5. This time will allow teachers to provide individual and small group instruction and support for students that need additional support or enrichment.

The Bullpup Boosters are very active in DES and contribute immensely to the improvement of the school. They provide snow cones for quarterly attendance awards and cookies for the grade level classes with the best monthly attendance. The



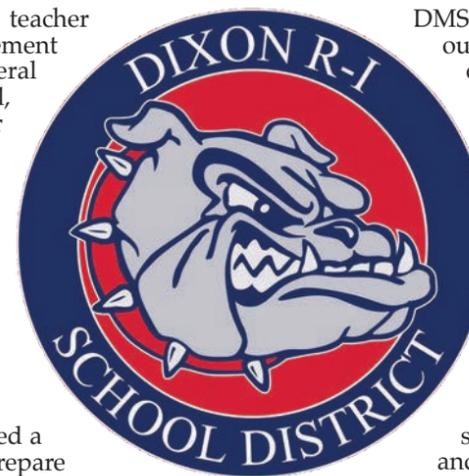
boosters provide money for assemblies, teacher appreciation, and grounds improvement projects. The boosters also sponsor several family events such as the annual carnival, Santa store, and the Daddy/Daughter dance.

DES promotes positive behavior with school-wide PBS (positive behavior supports). Students receive tickets or Classroom Dojo points based on meeting classroom and building expectations. Students turn in these tickets or points for merchandise at the PBS store.

The Dixon R-1 Schools have implemented a technology improvement plan to better prepare our students for careers after graduation. Our technology coordinator has facilitated the implementation of mobile iPad labs for each grade level in the elementary. The technology committee helps ensure that resources and goals align with instruction.

## Dixon Middle School

Dixon Middle School (or DMS) serves as the bridge between elementary and high school and works very hard to ensure that students are well prepared to enter high school. Along with high academic standards for students, the DMS staff works to instill pride in our students. "Pride in myself, my school, and my community" is the slogan that we embrace as a group. We seek to instill a sense of compassion and service learning in each of our students by participating in service learning projects throughout the year.



DMS strives to offer a variety of classes for our middle school provides students with opportunities to take classes in art, band, choir, career exploration, conservation, health, keyboarding, physical education, and PBL—project based learning—as well as rigorous core classes in mathematics, science, social studies, and reading/language arts.

After school clubs and extracurricular activities are also offered for students to get involved and find a sense of community within our four walls. Some of these activities include Art Club, Business Club, and Pep Club as well as team sports such as basketball, cross country, track, and volleyball. DMS also offers our afterschool program called Dawg Pound. Dawg Pound offers such clubs as Archery, Board Games, Drama Club, Gardening, Lego Club, Photography, and Sewing. Here at DMS, we would like to see all students engage in some form of afterschool activities as research shows the more students are involved in school activities, the more successful they will be in life.

Overall, DMS strives to provide our students with an outstanding education that prepares them for their next step in life and introduce them to activities that will prepare them to be productive, caring citizens now and in the future.

## Dixon High School

The Dixon High School is dedicated to providing the best possible instruction in all subject areas offered. There are

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**Matt. 22:37-40**

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. NIV*

**Matt. 11:28-30**

*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. KJV*

**Jeremiah 7:23**

*Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. KJV*

**Matt. 6:33**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all*



*these things shall be added unto you.*

**Matt. 16:18** . . . *Jesus spoke these words . . .*

*Upon this rock (the principal that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

**John 8:32**

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

**John 14:6**

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

**Worship and Learn of God with us.**

**Sunday:**

Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Bible Class 6:30 p.m.

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