



Superintendent Report

May 12, 2025

A RESPONSIBLE DISTRICT:

Cell Phone Policy Work Session Update

To support the High School Administration in finalizing a recommendation regarding cell phone policies and expectations, I invited SDSU students Hannah Schroeder and Hannah Murphy to join a recent work session. They presented survey data gathered during their Fall 2024 exploration and offered valuable insights and considerations to inform the final recommendation.

Below are links to the [work session agenda](#) and perception data collected from BSD stakeholders.

Perception Data:

- [Student Perception and Focus Group Work](#)
- [Staff](#)
 - [Staff Summarized](#)
- [Parents](#)
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A GREAT PLACE TO COLLABORATE:

Instructional administrators recently concluded their book study of *The Power of Effective Reading Instruction*, deepening their commitment to evidence-based literacy practices. Aligned with our strategic pillar of making BSD a Great Place to Learn for all students, our first all-administrator training session explored the application of brain science to education and child development, focusing on the Polyvagal Theory.

A sincere thank you to Audra Fullerton, LMSW, for leading this impactful session.

Exciting partnerships are being established for the 2025-2026 school year!

- Smart Social Parent and Staff Resources
- SDSU – SCERTS (social, communication, emotional regulation, transaction support training)

A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN:

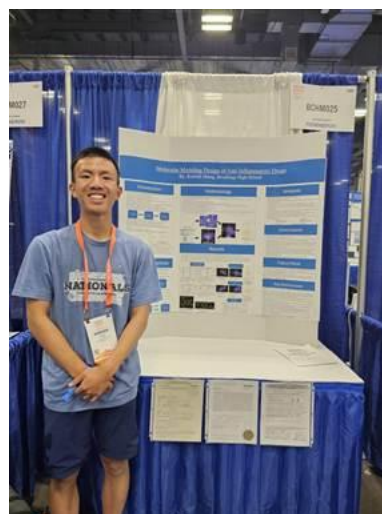
BHS had a strong showing at the State FCCLA Convention. Seventeen participants qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference, which will be held July 5-9 in Orlando, Florida.



BHS has two students currently competing at ISEF in Columbus, Ohio.

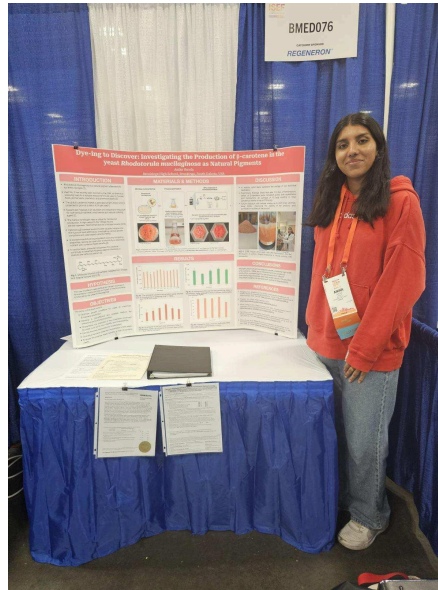
Kerrick Zhang: Molecular Modeling In the Design Of Anti-Inflammatory Drugs

- Honorable Mentions - Office of Naval Research (Senior Division) Award
- SDSU Army ROTC Award
- SDSU Department of Chemistry, Biochemistry and Physics Scholarship Award
- Yale Science and Engineering Award
- 1st Places - Chemistry/Bio-Chemistry Category Award- Sr. Division
- Senior Grand Prize- ISEF Finalist



Anika Hooda: Dye-ing to Discover: Investigating the Production of β -carotene in the yeast *Rhodotorula mucilaginosa* as Natural Pigments

- American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science SD Chapter
- SDSU Army ROTC Honorable Mention
- SDSU College of Education and Human Sciences 2nd Place
- 1st Places - Food Science Category Award- Sr. Division
- Senior Grand Prize-ISEF Finalist





Empowering all learners to embrace and be inspired to realize their potential.

Fast Facts:

Organized: 1921
Full-time Employees: 483
Area in Square Miles: 194

Current Student Population

Hillcrest Elementary - 338
Medary Elementary - 389
Dakota Prairie Elementary - 535
Camelot Intermediate - 526
George S. Mickelson Middle School - 782
Brookings High School - 952
Bobcat Plains Academy - 92

Fall 2024 Report Card Data:

BHS ACT Performance Overview (2020-2024)

Brookings High School Average: 23
State Average: 21
National Average: 19

English Language Arts (Proficiency)

Brookings School District - 52%
State of South Dakota - 51%

Mathematics (Proficiency)

Brookings School District - 43%
State of South Dakota - 44%

Science (Proficiency)

Brookings School District - 38%
State of South Dakota - 43%

District Enrollment

Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
3402	3402	3408	3343	3395	3441	3455	3522
	+0	+6	-65	+52	+46	+14	+67

Hillcrest Elementary

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School Year 2024-2025 Fast Facts

Fall Student Enrollment	3522
Full-Time Employees	483
English Learners (EL)	241 (BHS: 39, MMS: 43, Camelot: 41, JK-3: 118)
Languages Spoken	26
SPED Count	702
Open Enrolled In	124
Open Enrolled Out	217

Medary Elementary

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