

Carlson

Elementary School



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Grades EC-5



Carlson Elementary School is rooted in the belief that not only students, but staff, family and community as well, are part of the Carlson family. As in any family, the goal is to provide opportunities for each child, so they can grow into independent learners and contribute to the ever-growing family tree.

The mission at Carlson School is to provide all students with the academic and social tools needed to be successful learners. This is achieved by maintaining:

1. A clear focus on academic learning in a climate of high expectations.
2. A safe and orderly school climate.
3. High standards for teachers including ambitious and continuous collegial professional development.
4. An environment where colleagues work together as a team.
5. A school partnership with parents and the community.
6. Recognition of parents as a significant partner in the education process.
7. An emphasis of equality of all staff.
8. Accountability for student performance.
9. A commitment to provide powerful learning experiences for students of all ages.
10. A solution based thinking initiative designed for an excellent school climate.

Carlson School is laid out in a **pod system** with open classrooms joined by common meeting areas. This enables teachers to engage students in cross-grade and whole-pod activities

- **School Age Center** is an after school program provided by the YMCA.
- **Student Bank** is our school bank, and in conjunction with Alpine Bank is open for student deposits every Tuesday morning.
- The **Accelerated Reader** program at Carlson is a computerized reading system designed around individualized goals and reading levels.
- **Partner Reading** pairs primary and intermediate students as partners engaged in reading classroom curriculum based material.
- A **universal playground** is accessible to all students and allows children of all abilities to play together.
- Classrooms are equipped with closed circuit televisions that broadcast programs to inform students and staff of school and world events. Students act as reporters on **Cougar TV**.
- **Cougar News** is a weekly Carlson family Publication.
- Intramural basketball is offered for fifth grade boys and fourth and fifth grade girls. Girls also may learn cheerleading skills on the Carlson **Spirit Squad**.
- A **K-5 reading coach** assists with reading instruction to improve reading achievement for all students.
- Carlson School offers **two Early Childhood classrooms** for students ages 3 - 5. (Please contact Fairview Learning Center for more information)
- Carlson School has a **state-of-the-art computer lab** that is utilized across the curriculum to teach students real life application of technology skills and to supplement the learning of State Standards.
- Carlson School has an active and involved **Parent / Teacher Organization** that hosts many parent / student activities throughout the school year.

Carlson General Information

Year School Built	1968
Number of Classrooms	12 (regular education) 3 (Special Education) 2 (Early Childhood)
Number of Students	400