

## **Information on Miller High School**

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[Questions and answers specifically requested for the book. Questions were underlined in the original file so I'm guessing from memory.]

1. Name of School - **Miller High School**
2. County and District Number - **Buffalo County Dist. #54**
3. Location - **West edge of Miller; the building is no longer standing.**
4. Years of operation - **1881 (opened); 1893 (10 grade); 1921 (12 grade). High school closed in 1958, (elementary school closed in 1978)**
5. School colors -
6. School Mascot -
7. School Song -
8. Year of first graduating class - 1893  
Number in class - 2  
Names of members first graduating class -
9. Year last class graduated - 1958  
Number in class - 6  
Names of members last graduating class - **Barbara Clark, Duard Harnagel, Barbara Albrecht, Jim Milligan, Charles Parish, and Gary Fedderson**
10. Sports championships -
11. First school board members -
12. Famous Graduates -
- 13.

District 54 was first organized in 1881 and the building was possibly located a half mile west of Armada. When the Kearney and Black Hills Railroad was built on the south side of the Wood River in 1890 the village of Armada moved across the river and was reestablished as Miller. In that year eleven sections were removed from the district to form a new district and District 54 was reorganized.

For two years school was held in the United Brethern Church. Then in 1893 a new school costing \$8,500 was built. Classes were held in the two ground floor rooms. The basement and second floor were completed later. 1893 was the first year Miller had a 10 grade high school. A class of two graduated that year. The eleventh grade was added in 1912. It was not until 1921 that the school board voted to add the 12th grade. The following year the frame schoolhouse was replaced by a new two-story brick building.

The last high school class graduated from Miller High School in the spring of 1958. During the 1957-58 school year there had been 19 students enrolled in the high school. In the spring they were informed by the State Department of

Education that the high school would no longer be approved. Residents of the district voted to discontinue the high school but not to contract with any other district so their students could attend Elm Creek, Amherst or whatever high school they chose.

For the next two years the Miller school had grades K-8. Then in 1964 District 54 consolidated with the Sumner and Eddyville school districts to form District R-101 more commonly referred to as S-E-M. The first, second and third graders went to Miller; fourth, fifth and sixth to Eddyville. Junior and senior high students went to Sumner. In 1978 the Miller school closed for good and all the elementary school students went to Eddyville.

The two-story brick schoolhouse was sold. It sat empty for a number of years and was finally torn down.

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Dear Susan,

I enjoyed visiting with you yesterday and appreciate so much your willingness to help provide missing information about Miller High School. Enclosed is the information I have been able to collect so far. Naomi Harnagel had suggested checking the Miller Heritage book. As I looked at these notes this morning, I realize I have done that. Where else would all that information have come from?

Feel free to correct any incorrect information recorded here and fill in whatever blanks you can. Again, thanks so much for your help.

Sincerely,