

Information on Riverdale High School

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1. Name of High School - Riverdale High School
2. District Number - Buffalo County Dist. #15
3. School Site Location - Riverdale, NE
4. Year opened - 1873 as a grade school
Year high school classes were added - Grades 9-10 added in 1911; grade 11 added in 1918; grade 12 added in 1919.
Year closed if no longer open - School still operates as a K-6
5. School Colors - Blue and Gold
6. School Mascot -
7. School Song (Name and source of melody if known)-
8. Year of first graduating class - 1921 - first 12th grade
Number and names of persons in first graduating class - 3; Frank Dennis, Grace Hart Novak, and Blanche Zollers Jones.
9. Year of most recent (or last) graduating class - 1958
Number of persons in most recent graduating class - 6
If school is closed, names of last graduating class members - Glen Schnoor, Francis Miller, Wilma McAuliff, Lorraine Loeffelholz, Gerald Hibberd, and Phyllis Iosty.
10. Notable achievements, both academic and athletic, of your high school -
11. Names of first school board members (if known) - First school board members were J. R. King, director; J. C. Bunnell, treasurer; and Mr. Piercey, moderator.
12. Name of first superintendent (if known) - Dr. Leonard Skov, professor at the University of Nebraska/Kearney.
Harold McClure, principal at Kearney High School for many years, presently a member of the Central Nebraska Community College Board.
13. Names of noted graduates of national or statewide prominence in government, business, politics, science, education, athletic, entertainment, etc. Or names of notable teachers or administrators at the high school.
14. Anything else that might be of interest.

The first building, a frame one-room schoolhouse, was built in 1873 south of Riverdale. In 1908 it was moved to just south of the railroad track on the south side of the village.

In September of 1911, with the completion of a wing on the south side of the schoolhouse, grades 9 and 10 were added. The following year the original room was divided in two and a third teacher added.

At the annual meeting on June 10, 1918, it was voted to add grade 11. In 1919 the 12th grade was added. It was in this year that a new building, a frame

two-story structure, was built. The old building was sold to Albert Erickson, Sr., who tore it down and used the lumber to build a barn.

In 1939 the third building, a two-story brick schoolhouse, was built. It is located on the north side of the railroad tracks and Highway 30. Following the closing of the high school in 1958 it has served as a K-6 elementary school.

Every three years a Riverdale Reunion is held for all students who attended the school and all teachers who taught there. This year the reunion was held on June 29, 1991. The next reunion will be held in 1994.