

Arlington School District



2025-2026

The report lists and ranks the SPI scores for Arlington as well as Dakota Valley Conference schools when possible.

The report shows ACT composite scores for Arlington as well as Dakota Valley Conference schools when possible.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Arlington School district is to educate all students in a safe, challenging, and disciplined environment and to provide each student the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to be a productive citizen in an ever-changing society.

The Arlington School consists of a PK, K-6, 7-8, and 9-12 schools all housed in one building.

In 2020-21, the Arlington Elementary School was selected as a 2020 National ESEA Distinguished School and a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School.

In 2023-24, Arlington High School seniors had the 4th highest ACT composite score of 24.30.

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Demographic Profile

Arlington School District 38-1

306 South Main
Arlington, SD 57212

Home County: Kingsbury

Area in Square Miles: 231

School Names:

- ◆ Arlington Pre-School
- ◆ Arlington Elementary School (K-6)
- ◆ Arlington Jr. High School (7-8)
- ◆ Arlington High School (9-12)

Student Demographics

	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
Total Enrollment (PreK-12) official count date	292	310.43	303	300	275
Elementary School Enrollment (K-6) official count date	152	163	155	145	137
Middle School (7-8) official count date	47	39.14	38	36	30
High School Enrollment (9-12) official count date	76	90.29	88	95	85
% Special Needs Students	15.6%	10.3%	10.9%	15.3%	14.5%
Economically Disadvantaged Enrollment (% Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch)	17.5%	15.1%	14.9%	8.3%	14%

Staff Demographics

	Certified Instructional Staff (#FTE)	% with Advanced Degrees	Student to Staff Ratio	Average Years of Experience	Classes <u>Not</u> Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
2020-2021	24.62	41%	11.17	15	0%
2021-2022	23.62	42%	12.70	15	0%
2022-2023	23.62	38%	12.83	15	0%
2023-2024	23.62	38%	12.74	16	0%
2024-2025	24.50	37%	11.92	16	0%

Student Testing Results

Elementary ELA Performance

SMARTER BALANCE Results in ELA Grades 3-6 (Elementary School)

	Number of students tested	% Proficient and Advanced	Attendance Rate Entire Elementary (161 Students)
Year Tested	All Tested	All Tested	All
2020-21	77	74%	100%
2021-22	82	77%	99%
2022-23	88	61%	99%
2023-24	87	59%	97%
2024-25	92	71%	97%

Elementary Math Performance

SMARTER BALANCE Results in MATH Grades 3-6 (Elementary School)

	Number of students tested	% Proficient and Advanced	Attendance Rate Entire Elementary (161 Students)
Year Tested	All Tested	All Tested	All
2020-21	77	83%	100%
2021-22	82	80%	99%
2022-23	88	66%	99%
2023-24	87	78%	97%
2024-25	92	75%	97%

Jr. High ELA Performance

SMARTER BALANCE Results in **ELA** Grades 7 & 8 (Jr. High School)

	Number of students tested	% Proficient and Advanced	Attendance Rate Entire JH (37 Students)
Year Tested	All Tested	All Tested	All
2020-21	37	77%	100%
2021-22	36	78%	92%
2022-23	38	70%	89%
2023-24	37	84%	95%
2024-25	47	57%	96%

Jr. High Math Performance

SMARTER BALANCE Results in **Math** Grades 7 & 8 (Jr. High School)

	Number of students tested	% Proficient and Advanced	Attendance Rate Entire JH (37 Students)
Year Tested	All Tested	All Tested	All
2020-21	37	89%	100%
2021-22	36	75%	92%
2022-23	38	86%	89%
2023-24	37	87%	95%
2024-25	47	72%	96%

High School ELA Performance

SMARTER BALANCE Results in **ELA** Grade 11 (High School)

	Number of students tested	% Proficient and Advanced
Year Tested	All Tested	All Tested
2020-21	24	59%
2021-22	17	75%
2022-23	29	59%
2023-24	21	71%
2024-25	18	71%

High School MATH Performance

SMARTER BALANCE Results in **MATH** Grade 11 (High School)

	Number of students tested	% Proficient and Advanced
Year Tested	All Tested	All Tested
2020-21	24	64%
2021-22	17	63%
2022-23	29	52%
2023-24	21	67%
2024-25	18	65%

Elementary School Performance Index Scores (SPI)

Smarter Balance Testing

	Achievement		Attendance	Overall Score and Rankings	
Subject/Points possible	Student Performance (45)	Student Progress (45)	Attendance (10)	Total SPI (100)	Designation
2024-2025	40.3	28.8	9.7	79	General Support

Jr. High School Performance Index Scores (SPI)

Smarter Balance Testing

	Achievement		Attendance	Overall Score and Rankings	
Subject/Points possible	Student Performance (45)	Student Progress (45)	Attendance (10)	Total SPI (100)	Designation
2024-2025	42.9	20.9	9.6	73	General Support

High School Performance Index Scores (SPI)

Smarter Balance Testing

	Student Performance	High School Completion	College and Career Readiness	Overall Score and Rankings	
Subject/Points possible	Overall Student Performance (43.34)	Total HS Completion (28.33)	College and Career Readiness (28.33)	Total SPI (100)	Designation
2024-25	33.9	27.0	21.0	82	General Support

***Designations: General Support** – not designated for school improvement and receives all the support from the Department of Education available to all schools / **Comprehensive Support & Improvement** – lowest-performing 5% of Title I schools, based on SPI; public high schools with a graduation rate less than 67%; Title I ATSI schools who do not exit within four years / **Targeted Support & Improvement** – public schools with a subgroup or its Gap group performing disproportionately below the performance of all the students group on all indicators over a period of three years.*

College Admission and Placement Performance

Five Year Trends – Average ACT Scores

This report reflects the achievement of Arlington graduates on the ACT over time and an indication of the extent to which they are prepared for college-level work. The ACT consists of curriculum-based tests of educational development in English, mathematics, reading, and science designed to measure the skills needed for success in first-year college coursework. This table shows the five-year trend of Arlington High School’s ACT-tested graduates. From this table you can determine:

- Changes in the number and percentage of participants
- Score changes in subject areas and the ACT composite
- How Arlington graduates compare with state averages

	Number Tested	English		Math		Reading		Science		Composite Score	
		Dist. Avg	State Avg	Dist. Avg	State Avg	Dist. Avg	State Avg	Dist. Avg	State Avg	Dist. Avg	State Avg
2021	6	21.2	20.5	23.7	21.2	27.2	22.4	24.8	21.9	24.3	21.6
2022	9	20.8	20.5	24.0	21.2	21.9	22.2	23.4	21.7	22.6	21.5
2023	7	20.4	19.9	24.7	20.8	22.4	21.8	21.6	21.4	22.4	21.1
2024	15	21.7	20.0	24.2	20.8	23.6	21.9	23.5	21.3	23.4	21.1
2025	5	21.4	19.8	24.4	20.7	22.8	21.8	22.2	21.2	22.8	21.0

2025 Dakota Valley Conference School ACT Scores. (most recent available on the DOE site)

School Name	Number Tested	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite Score
Arlington	5	21.4	24.4	22.8	22.2	22.8
Castlewood	14	21.6	21.4	22.2	21.1	21.8
Colman-Egan	22	16.4	19.7	17.4	19.7	18.4
De Smet	8					
Deubrook	8					
Elkton	10	17.3	20.5	17.4	20.4	19.1
Estelline	18	17.9	19.8	20.8	21.7	20.1
Lake Preston	4					
Oldham-Ramona-Rutland	8					

** No scores were submitted when number of students tested is under 10. Blank score means not reported at time of printing.

Student Post Graduation Plans

Are Arlington Students Ready for College?

Through collaborative research with postsecondary institutions nationwide, ACT has established the following as college readiness benchmark scores for designated college courses.

A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college courses. These scores were empirically derived based on the actual performance of students in college.

- English Composition: 18 on ACT English Test
- Algebra: 22 on ACT Mathematics Test
- Social Sciences: 22 on ACT Reading Test
- Biology: 23 on ACT Science Test

Percent of ACT-Tested Students Who Met College Readiness Benchmarks

Graduate Year	Number Tested	English Composition		Algebra		Social Sciences		Biology		Meeting All 4	
		Arlington	State	Arlington	State	Arlington	State	Arlington	State	Arlington	State
2020-21	6	100%	65%	83%	46%	83%	52%	53%	45%	50%	30%
2021-22	9	67%	66%	78%	45%	44%	52%	67%	44%	44%	30%
2022-23	7	71%	63%	86%	43%	57%	49%	57%	41%	57%	27%
2023-24	15	87%	63%	87%	43%	67%	50%	73%	42%	47%	28%
2024-25	5	80%	62%	100%	42%	40%	49%	60%	41%	40%	27%

Post-Graduation Plans

	# of Graduates	% 4-year College	% Voc/Tech College	% Employment	% Military	% Miscellaneous
2021	12	33%	59%	8%	0%	0%
2022	22	41%	36%	13%	5%	5%
2023	18	33%	28%	33%	0%	6%
2024	31	39%	39%	16%	0%	6%
2025	20	40%	45%	15%	0%	0%

Below are the 2025 comparisons to DVC schools using SPI scores, ranking schools from high to low with all schools in the Conference. Overall school SPI scores were not reported in the 2024-2025 public report card. SPI points were only reported on the private report card to each school.

<i>DVC School</i>	<i>DVC Rank (Elem)</i>	<i>Elem SPI Score</i>	<i>DVC Rank (MS/JH)</i>	<i>MS/JH SPI Score</i>	<i>DVC Rank (HS)</i>	<i>HS SPI Score</i>
<i>Arlington</i>	2	79	2	73	3	82
<i>Castlewood</i>	3	74	4	55	3	82
<i>Colman-Egan</i>	8	62	7	49	5	81
<i>De Smet</i>	5	70	3	67	8	74
<i>Dell Rapids St. Mary</i>	<i>Information not available</i>					
<i>Deubrook</i>	4	72	6	53	1	84
<i>Elkton</i>	9	61	9	45	9	71
<i>Estelline</i>	6	65	5	54	6	78
<i>Lake Preston</i>	1	86	1	76	2	83
<i>Oldham-Ramona-Rutland</i>	7	63	8	47	7	75

2025 WorkKeys Assessment/National Career Readiness Results for (20 of 20) 2025 Graduates who participated.

Skill-level Breakdown

<i>APPLIED MATH</i>		
<i>LEVEL</i>	<i>NUMBER</i>	<i>PCT.</i>
<3	1	5%
3	4	20%
4	6	30%
5	6	30%
6	1	5%
7	2	10%
TOTAL	20	100%

<i>GRAPHIC LITERACY</i>		
<i>LEVEL</i>	<i>NUMBER</i>	<i>PCT.</i>
<3	0	0%
3	6	30%
4	2	10%
5	9	45%
6	3	15%
7	0	0%
TOTAL	20	100%

<i>WORKPLACE DOCUMENTS</i>		
<i>LEVEL</i>	<i>NUMBER</i>	<i>PCT</i>
<3	0	0%
3	5	25%
4	9	45%
5	3	15%
6	3	15%
7	0	0%
TOTAL	20	100%

Certificate-level Breakdown

<i>CERTIFICATE RESULTS</i>		
<i>Level</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Pct</i>
<i>Platinum</i>	1	5.00%
<i>Gold</i>	2	10.00%
<i>Silver</i>	9	45.00%
<i>Bronze</i>	7	35.00%
<i>Incomplete</i>	0	0.00%
<i>NoCert</i>	1	5.00%
TOTAL	20	100.00%

STATEWIDE SCHOOL RESULTS

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Incomplete	No Cert	Total
1181	1812	2397	1599	0	687	7676
15.39%	23.61%	31.23%	20.83%	0%	8.95%	100.00%