ALTA-AURELIA

WARRIORS

COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



SHARING A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

BY THE NUMBERS

3 Buildings for students PK-12

808 Students

148 Staff Members

2025 Overall Commendable 70.27 state average 63.28

Alta Elem - High Performing | Alta-Aurelia MS - Commendable
Aurelia Elem - Commendable | Alta-Aurelia HS - Acceptable

95.55% Elementary attendance rate

95% Elementary parent/teacher conferences attendance rate

2024 Exceptional Rating on the Iowa School Performance Profile
Alta Elementary is 1 of 16 in the state of Iowa of 1300 school buildings

2024 National Blue Ribbon School
Alta-Aurelia Middle School is 1 of the 5 in the state of Iowa out of 130,000 school buildings

62% of seniors participate in 2 or more activities

48% of students in grades 9-12 have a 3.5 GPA or higher

3 Seniors have earned their Seal of Biliteracy in 2026



New Warrior Athletic Facility built in 2026 for Warriors to become their best!

DISTRICT GOALS & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Alta-Aurelia Community School District, in partnership with the community, is to educate lifelong learners who are collaborators, innovators, and productive citizens, prepared to live and work in a diverse and ever-changing world.





A-A CSD GOALS AND PRIORITIES

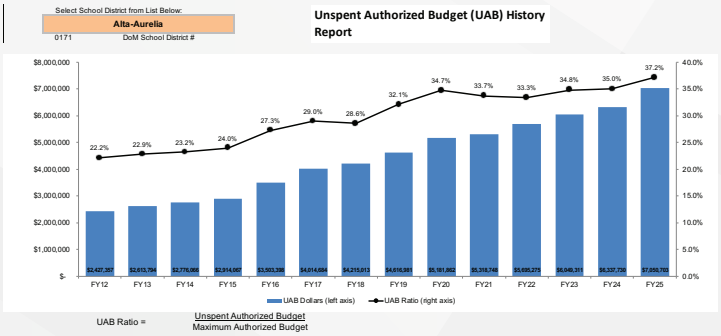
CULTURE OF LEARNING, INQUIRY, AND ENGAGEMENT	CULTURE OF RESPECT	GOOD STEWARDS OF TAXPAYER RESOURCES AND FACILITIES
High Student Achievement and Growth	Attentive Listening	Manage Resources to Provide Safe, Adequate, and Sustainable Facilities for all Programs and Activities
Individualized Learning for Students and Staff	Commitment to Ongoing Communication	Model Fiscal Responsibility by Aligning Resources to Strategic Priorities
Different Pathways to Post-Secondary Options	Openness to Different Perspectives, Thoughts and Concerns	Use Financial Information to Drive Decisions
Engaged and Connected	Demonstrate Empathy and Kindness	



DISTRICT FINANCES

UNSPENT AUTHORIZED BUDGET (UAB, also called "Unspent Balance")--The most important indicator of the financial health of the district. It is the amount of unused district General Fund capacity to spend on behalf of students, or spending authority, left over at the end of the fiscal year that is carried over into the next fiscal year.

Alta-Aurelia's Unspent Authorized Budget has grown every year since the 2011-2012 school year, and is currently at a healthy status of just over $7 million dollars. The Unspent Budget percentage for Alta-Aurelia is currently at 37. 2%, exceeding a healthy target goal of 25-35%.



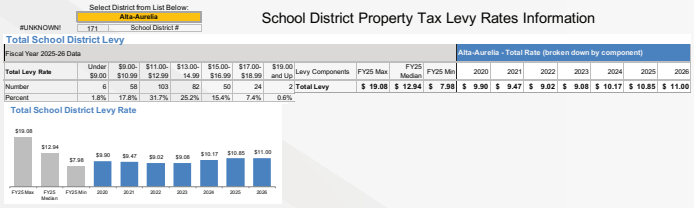
UAB Ratio = Unspent Authorized Budget / Maximum Authorized Budget

Statewide Unspent Authorized Budgets															
Measure	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
State Maximum	63.4%	65.5%	64.5%	65.1%	65.1%	64.3%	63.8%	63.1%	62.2%	61.3%	60.0%	60.5%	63.8%	61.9%
State Median	19.3%	17.6%	16.8%	16.8%	16.7%	18.7%	19.1%	20.7%	22.4%	23.6%	24.1%	24.5%	25.2%	25.4%
State Minimum	-10.6%	-20.6%	-34.3%	-7.4%	-7.4%	-2.2%	-6.4%	-6.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.1%	-7.8%	-3.7%	-5.7%
State Average	19.9%	18.5%	17.6%	17.5%	17.6%	19.4%	20.6%	21.7%	23.3%	24.8%	25.1%	25.3%	25.5%	25.4%
Alta-Aurelia	22.2%	22.9%	23.2%	24.0%	27.3%	29.0%	28.6%	32.1%	34.7%	33.7%	33.3%	34.8%	35.0%	37.2%

LEVY (Tax) RATE (School District Portion)-The total amount of money the school district needs to raise locally to cover the gap between its proposed budget and the state or federal aid it receives. The school tax rate is the specific multiplier used by school districts to calculate the portion of property taxes that funds public education.

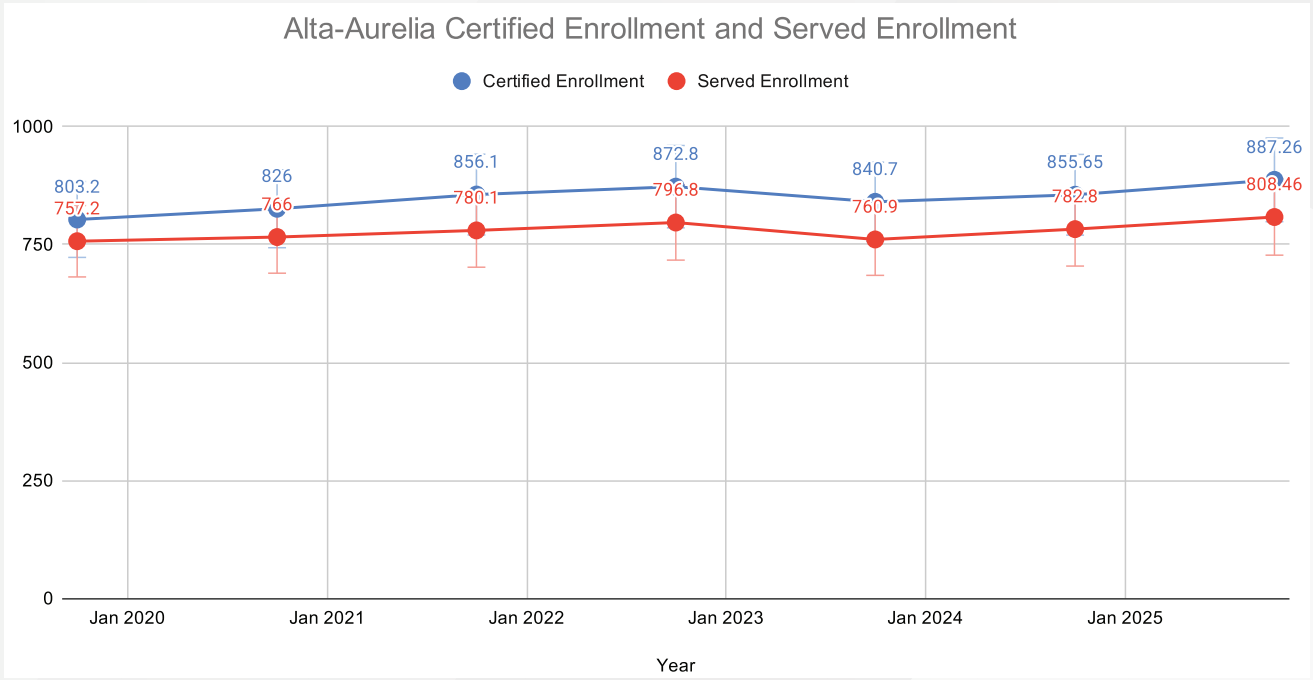
Alta-Aurelia's levy rate has increased the previous three years as balances of school funds (Management, Cash Reserve) had been spent down in previous years to provide property tax relief for stakeholders. The district's goal is to have a steady and stable levy rate that will provide adequate resources for the school district to provide a quality education to our students, while putting as little of a burden on our taxpayers as possible.

Alta-Aurelia's levy rate ($11.00) is amongst the lowest one-fourth of levy rates in the state ranking 68th out of 325 in the 2025-2026 school year The district levy rate for 2026-2027 is set at $10.97 which is a decrease of 3 cents from the 2025-2026 school year



CERTIFIED ENROLLMENT - The actual enrollment of the district on October 1st of each year submitted to the Department of Education no later than October 15th each year. This includes all students that live in the counting district, regardless of where they attend school.

Alta-Aurelia's Certified Enrollment count hit an all-time high in the 2025-2026 school year at 887. 26 students. Enrollment for the district has increased the last two years. A school district's enrollment directly affects finances as the school district will receive $8, 148 for each student enrolled in the 2026-2027 school year



EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS
(3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM AND PRESCHOOL)

We believe every child deserves a great start. Our programs deliver high-quality early education that meets the unique needs of all children, celebrating diverse backgrounds and supporting children with disabilities. By creating a rich environment that sparks natural curiosity and encourages brave new steps, we help children develop essential skills and inspire them to become passionate, lifelong learners. Students attend 4 full-days per week.

GOALS FOR CHILDREN

- Children will show competence in social/emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development skills.
- Children will be enthusiastic and curious learners.
- Children will be safe and healthy.

GOALS FOR FAMILIES

- Families will feel welcome in the classroom and at school.
- Preschool will promote family involvement and collaborate with families and agencies.
- Families will work with the school in a meaningful partnership to help their children with early childhood development, socially, emotionally, physically and academically.
- Families will advocate for their children.

"Alta-Aurelia has been an incredible fit for our family. From the moment we walked through the doors, we felt welcomed by staff, teachers, and administration. The communication and support throughout the school year are exceptional, and it is clear that the success and well-being of students are a top priority. Most importantly, our child feels valued, supported, and excited to come to school each day. We are incredibly grateful to be part of such a caring and positive school community."

~Carrie Kephart, Parent



"One of the things we appreciate most about Aurelia Elementary is the strong sense of community. Our boys genuinely love going to school each day, and we know that's a reflection of the people who make school feel like a second home for them. Admin, teachers, and staff know students personally and take a true interest in their lives. We are so grateful!"

~Jessica Wieland, Parent



ALTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

21 AVERAGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER CLASSROOM AT ALTA ELEMENTARY



GRADES TK-4

At Alta Elementary, we believe education is a true partnership between family, child, and school. Here, your child isn't just a student—they are part of a supportive community dedicated to helping them reach their highest potential.

Our expert teaching teams collaborate weekly, using proven, research-backed methods to ensure every single child thrives. Whether your child needs tailored support for special education, English language learning, or advanced challenges through our Talented and Gifted program, we meet them exactly where they are.

Step into our building, and you'll feel the difference: a safe, welcoming environment packed with joy, laughter, and fun events all year long. We don't just teach for the school year; we inspire a lifelong love of learning. Come grow with us!

WIN (What I Need-Interventions)

K-4th grade students have on average a 20 minute block of dedicated time for enrichment and interventions in reading and math. Teachers deliver targeted, data-informed interventions for students needing additional support in reading and math, while simultaneously providing enrichment opportunities for students ready for greater academic challenges.

T.A.G. (Talented and Gifted)

To fuel curiosity and higher-level thinking, our dedicated Talented and Gifted (TAG) teacher facilitated higher-order thinking and enrichment activities for students in grades K–4. Qualified students benefit from regular individual or small-group instruction tailored to stretch their minds and maximize their potential.

THE ARTS

At Alta Elementary, we believe in educating the whole child. Our students enjoy dedicated classes in Art, Music, and Guidance, giving them wonderful opportunities to explore their creative talents, build essential life skills, and develop meaningful relationships.

PE

We know that active bodies lead to active minds! Because physical activity is key to how children learn and retain information, our elementary students enjoy engaging Physical Education classes all year long.

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)

Alta Elementary is proud to be a PBIS school! We believe in celebrating the good. Rather than just correcting misbehavior, we explicitly teach and reward positive values like kindness, respect, and responsibility. This proactive approach ensures our school is a safe, encouraging, and joyful place for your child to learn and grow.



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AURELIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GRADES TK-4
At Aurelia Elementary, we believe every child deserves to be known, valued, and inspired. Our small class sizes, caring staff, and strong relationships create a supportive environment where students feel safe to take risks, build confidence, and develop a lifelong love of learning. We take pride in meeting students where they are, celebrating their individual strengths, and helping them grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Through personalized learning experiences and a strong partnership with families, we work together to ensure every student has the support and opportunities they need to thrive.

WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE AURELIA
✓ Average Class Size of 18 Students
✓ Personalized Learning Opportunities
✓ Strong Teacher-Student Relationships
✓ Safe & Welcoming Environment
✓ Technology-Enhanced Learning
✓ Continuous Improvement & Innovation

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

ARTS
- Art
- Music
- Guidance

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- Multiple PE Classes Each Week
- Teamwork & Sportsmanship
- Healthy Lifestyle Development

PRESCHOOL
- 3-Year-Old Program
- 4-Year-Old Program
- Inquiry-Based Learning
- Social-Emotional Development







ALTA-AURELIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADES 5-8
At Alta-Aurelia Middle School, students are at the heart of every decision we make. We recognize that the middle school years are a critical time for growth, independence, and self-discovery, and we are committed to helping students navigate that journey with confidence. Through meaningful relationships, engaging learning experiences, and opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, we challenge students to think critically, explore their interests, and develop the skills needed for future success. Our staff works closely with students and families to create a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where every learner feels connected, empowered, and prepared for what comes next.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS
✓ Average Class Size of 22 Students
✓ Personalized Student Support
✓ Strong Family Partnerships
✓ Student Leadership Opportunities
✓ Safe & Inclusive Environment
✓ Career Exploration Experiences

EXPLORATORY COURSES
• Financial Literacy
• STEM
• Computer Science
• Agriculture
• Guidance & Life Skills

CAREER EXPLORATION
Students connect learning to future goals through:
• Career Fairs
• Job Shadowing Experiences
• Real-World Learning Opportunities

GET INVOLVED
• Athletics
• Junior High Speech Club
• Band/Jazz Band & Choir
• Service Projects
• Student Council







ALTA-AURELIA HIGH SCHOOL

GRADES 9-12
Alta-Aurelia High School is dedicated to preparing students for life beyond our walls by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and mindset needed to succeed in an ever-changing world. We believe education extends far beyond the classroom, and we strive to create meaningful learning experiences that connect academic content to real-world applications. Through rigorous coursework, hands-on opportunities, and a supportive environment, students are challenged to think critically, solve problems, and grow into confident, capable individuals.

A strong emphasis is placed on college and career readiness, ensuring that every student leaves with a clear path forward. Whether students choose to pursue higher education, enter the workforce, or explore technical training, we provide the resources and guidance to help them succeed. From advanced coursework and dual-credit opportunities to career exploration and skill development, we are committed to helping students discover their strengths and prepare for the demands of their chosen future.

At the heart of our mission is the goal of developing contributing members of society. We encourage students to lead with integrity, serve their communities, and understand the importance of their role in a larger world. By fostering character, responsibility, and a sense of purpose, we aim to graduate individuals who are not only prepared for their next step, but also motivated to make a positive impact wherever life takes them.









EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS
- Football
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Boys wrestling
- Girls wrestling (coop)
- Track
- Golf
- Baseball
- Softball
- Cheerleading
- Swimming (coop)
- Dance

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS
- Football
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Track
- Softball

HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS
- Marching Band
- Jazz Band
- Concert Band
- Solo/small ensemble
- Jazz Choir
- High School Choir
- Vocal Solo/Ensemble
- Musical
- Play

MIDDLE SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS
- Jazz Band
- Concert Band
- Choir

SECONDARY SPEECH
- Large Group
- Individual

SECONDARY GROUPS/CLUBS
- FFA
- Student Council
- FCA
- NHS
- CLT
- Quiz Bowl
- Science Bowl
- Key Club
- FBLA

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STATE QUALIFYING SPORTS TEAMS

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
- 2015 (13th Place)
- 2016 (15th Place)
- 2017 (9th Place)
- 2022 (6th Place)
- 2024 (7th Place)
- 2025 (16th Place)

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
- 2011 (8th Place)
- 2012 (14th Place)
- 2013 (14th Place)
- 2014 (7th Place)

GIRLS GOLF
- 2011 (8th Place)
- 2012 (4th Place)
- 2013 (State Champ)
- 2014 (3rd Place)
- 2015 (State Champ)
- 2016 (State Champ)
- 2017 (3rd Place)
- 2018 (6th Place)
- 2019 (4th Place)
- 2023 (10th Place)

BOYS GOLF
- 1990 (State Champ)
- 1996 (4th Place)
- 2015 (4th Place)

FOOTBALL
- 2018 (Playoffs)
- 2021 (Playoffs)

GIRLS TRACK
- 1991 (4th Place)
- 2015 (25th Place)
- 2016 (18th Place)
- 2017 (13th Place)
- 2023 (13th Place)
- 2025 (13th Place)

BOYS TRACK
- 1990 (State Runner-Up)
- 1991 (State Runner-Up)
- 1992 (3rd Place)
- 1993 (State Runner-Up)
- 2015 (State Runner-Up)

SOFTBALL
- 2018 (Quarter Finalist)
- 2019 (State Runner-Up)

BASEBALL
- 2011 (Quarter Finalist)
- 2012 (Quarter Finalist)
- 2018 (Quarter Finalist)

WRESTLING
- 1990-91 (Regional Qualifiers)
- 2013-14 (Regional Qualifiers)
- 2014-15 (Regional Qualifiers)
- 2015-16 (Regional Qualifiers)
- 2024-25 (Regional Qualifiers)
- 2025-26 (Regional Qualifiers)

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INDIVIDUAL STATE QUALIFIERS:
In addition to the teams that advance to state, Alta-Aurelia is proud to have many individual state qualifiers in wrestling, as well as girls and boys cross country, golf and track.













Our family has had a wonderful experience with the Alta-Aurelia School District. We love the small-town feel and the strong sense of community that makes students and families feel welcome and supported. The teachers, staff, and administration truly care about the kids and go above and beyond to help them succeed both inside and outside the classroom. We appreciate the open communication and the personal attention our children receive, and we know they are learning in an environment where they are known, valued, and encouraged to do their best. We are excited to watch our children continue to learn, grow, and develop as they move through the district.

~Cody Galvin,
Parent

As a parent, there is nothing more reassuring than knowing your child is excited to go to school each day. Seeing my child welcomed each morning by staff who know him by name lets me know that Alta Elementary is a place where students feel seen, safe and valued. The caring and supportive teachers, along with the strong communication between school and families has created an environment where our child has grown both academically and personally. Our family is grateful to be at Alta Elementary and proud to be part of the Warriors community.

~Katie Holtorf,
Parent



We have always felt at home with our children attending the Alta-Aurelia school district. The teachers, staff, and all those that interact with our children have had nothing but their comprehensive success in mind. There is a wonderful balance of having relatively small class sizes for individual attention while having robust resources for both academic challenge and well-rounded development. We are exceedingly proud to be a part of the Warrior family.

~Dr. Kyle Glienke,
Parent



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