

**2011 PAYABLE 2012
Taxable Valuations**

Agricultural	\$410,878,343
Owner Occupied.....	\$83,724,678
Other Non-Ag/Utilities.....	\$104,300,596
Total.....	\$598,903,617

**2011 PAYABLE 2012
Levy per Thousand**

Agriculture.....	\$2.388
Owner Occupied.....	\$3.965
Other Non-Ag/Utilities.....	\$8.491
Special Education.....	\$0.852
Capital Outlay.....	\$1.737
Bond Redemption.....	\$0.523
Pension Fund.....	\$0.300

2011-2012 BUDGET EXPENDITURES

General Education.....	\$4,028,892
Capital Outlay.....	\$1,001,345
Special Education.....	\$639,682
Pension Fund.....	\$200,000
Bond Redemption.....	\$219,194

SCHOOL BOARD

Dorene Nelson, President
 Kelly Kjelden, Vice-President
 Lars Hanson
 Roger Rix
 Steve Schaller
 Steve Smith
 Joy Voss

ADMINISTRATION

Laura Schuster, Superintendent
 Dan Dalchow, Elementary Principal
 Joseph Schwan, MS & HS Principal
 Mike Weber, Business Manager

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

District Administrative Offices
 (605) 397-2351

Elementary School
 Phone: (605) 397-2317
 FAX: (605) 397-2344

Middle School & High School
 Phone: (605) 397-8381
 FAX: (605) 397-8453

Bus Shop
 Phone: (605) 397-8117

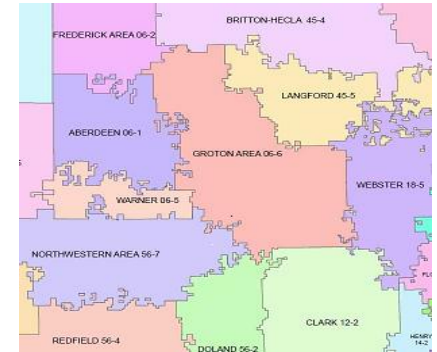
DISTRICT WEB SITE

www.grotonarea.com

**GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
#06-6**

PO Box 410, 406 N 2nd Street
 Groton, South Dakota, 57445

School Mascot – Tiger
 School Colors – Black & Gold
 School Song – “Fight On”



GENERAL DISTRICT INFORMATION

Student Enrollment.....	592
Area in Square Miles.....	873 ²
Number of Bus Routes.....	7

Based on 2010-2011 Data

District Dropout Rate.....	5.77%
District Attendance Rate.....	96.25%
% Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch...	18.5%
% Special Needs Students.....	11.3%
Certified Instructional Staff.....	49.13
Student to Staff Ratio.....	12:1

DISTINGUISHED DISTRICT

The Groton Area School District was one of only five school districts in the state identified as a “Distinguished District” on the 2010 NCLB Report Card. Distinguished Districts are identified using the following criteria: met adequate yearly progress for two consecutive years in reading, math, and other academic indicators for all three grade spans and at least 85% of the students in the “all student” group have met the State’s proficient and advanced levels of student performance in reading and math. We attribute this success to a dedicated administrative and teaching staff, a school board and community committed to providing quality educational programs, and parents and students that value education.

The 2010-2011 District Dakota STEP results and state average comparisons are listed below. The percentages reflect students that scored at proficient or advanced based on “No Child Left Behind” adequate yearly progress.

<u>Math</u>	<u>Groton Area</u>	<u>State Average</u>
Gr. 3	100%	78%
Gr. 4	92%	78%
Gr. 5	91%	77%
Gr. 6	94%	77%
Gr. 7	91%	76%
Gr. 8	92%	77%
Gr. 11	98%	67%

<u>Reading</u>	<u>Groton Area</u>	<u>State Average</u>
Gr. 3	100%	79%
Gr. 4	89%	77%
Gr. 5	97%	76%
Gr. 6	88%	75%
Gr. 7	81%	72%
Gr. 8	93%	74%
Gr. 11	89%	68%

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Groton Area School District will foster a climate conducive to learning by encouraging good behavior and citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards. Teachers will employ strategies and approaches to instruction to meet the needs of all children assigned to them. With proper motivation and instruction, all children can learn.

CURRICULUM OFFERINGS

The following vocational education courses are offered at the high school level: family and consumer sciences, industrial technology, and agriculture. The following college prep courses are offered to juniors and seniors: physics, trig/calc, advanced chemistry, advanced biology, Honors English, and Honors U.S. History.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The following co-curricular activities are offered for 7th-12th grade students: football, cross country, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, golf, track, cheerleading, marching band, show choir, debate, oral interpretation, school play, FFA, FCCLA, yearbook, and Destination Imagination.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The Elementary and the MS/HS have active Parent Advisory Councils that are involved in various activities that promote education and the school district. The community is also very supportive of education.

For more information about the school district, please contact the superintendent or the building principal(s).

TECHNOLOGY

The district promotes the integration and use of technology throughout its curriculum offerings. Smart Boards and Promethean Boards are used as teaching tools in the classrooms. All 10th-12th grade students have laptops and mobile laptop carts are available for classroom use for grades K-9. Through this integration, students develop skills that they will carry with them throughout their academic and employment careers.

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RtI)

The Groton Area School District is one of eight schools in the state that piloted “Response to Intervention.” The RtI approach provides high quality instruction and intervention based on individual student needs in reading which are determined through frequent progress monitoring. The RtI approach is currently used in grades K-8.

JR. KINDERGARTEN & PRE-SCHOOL

The district has a junior kindergarten program for students who are age-eligible to attend kindergarten but are not quite ready to attend school all day. This program runs from 12:30-3:10 Monday through Friday. The district also has a special needs pre-school program for students that qualify.

GRASP (OST) PROGRAM

The GRASP program services children in grades JrK–5 with before and after-school homework help, supervised learning activities, and snacks. The OST program is held in the elementary school from 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 3:15-6:00 p.m. each day that school is in session. Rates are \$2.25 per hour, per child.