

Howard School District is first to win award

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Howard Elementary is the first rural school in South Dakota to adopt the A+ School Program, which is based on the principle that children learn in different ways. Teaching is organized into integrated thematic units which the required curriculum involves a multi-disciplined approach, with the arts continuously woven into every aspect of a child's education.

This arts-based program incorporated Howard Garner's Multiple Intelligences theory, so children learn not just through hearing and seeing but also through moving, reflecting utilizing music and nature and interacting with one another.

No new books or manuals are required to teach the A+ concept, but opportunities are created for teacher to grow and enhance their current teaching methods.

With having implemented this program into curriculum and having it prove a success, the Howard School District was awarded the Golden apple award for the 2002-2003 school year. The award was presented to Superintendent Steve McCormick and former Elementary Principal Kathleen Conlon.