

CENTRAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY OF THE CENTRAL CITY AREA

Central City Public Schools is proud to be a representative for Merrick County communities. It is one of six communities which comprise Merrick County, Nebraska. Although its student population is primarily from Central City, the district also draws students from the Archer, Chapman, Marquette, Hordville, Polk, and Clarks areas. Located in east-central Nebraska in the Platte River Valley, it is the county seat and has a population of approximately 3000 people.

The district offers a wide range of curriculum choices. Dual credit, college credit, and tech prep credit are available for students at the high school in the areas of math, literature, psychology, writing composition, and career and technical education through Central Community College. The school district is very proud of its facilities, with major building or renovations taking place over the past 15 years.

Educational opportunities, in addition to the public schools, that are available in the community include:

- K-12 Nebraska Christian School
- Adult Learning Center through Central Community College.
- Central City Public Library, complete with computer and internet access.

The community is showing signs of development with the following additions:

- Bio-Ethanol Plant.
- Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital renovations
- Merrick County Health and Fitness Center
- Merrick County Courthouse
- Merrick County Child Development
- South Park softball fields
- Kernel Field
- Aquatic Center

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The local airport has gone under some major improvements over the past few years, and the city and railroad have also made improvements and repairs on the curbs, sidewalks, and railroad tracks. Additionally, the Merrick County Museum is fundraising for the building of a new museum.

Active in improving the community are such groups as the Central City Chamber of Commerce and the Merrick Foundation. Other organizations available in the district are:

- Merrick County Family Support Services
- Merrick County Juvenile Services
- Merrick County Youth Council
- Several service clubs
- Twelve churches, as well as others in the Merrick County area.

The community takes pride in being the first community in Nebraska to receive the Showcase Community Award and the 2004 Community of the Year Award. Central City's slogan is, "Welcome to Central City---The Center of It All!"