



# HHASD

HOLY HILL AREA  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Holy Hill Area School District has a rich history, that begins with several separate school districts:



**Friess Lake School was built in 1868 and earned its name from the lake.**

- 1956 - New school built in present location; original dismantled and a restaurant built on the site.
- 1972 - Friess Lake School merged with St. Augustine School, becoming known as the Richfield Joint Number 11 School District
  - Grades K - 4 at St. Augustine
  - Grades 5 - 8 at Friess Lake
  - Friess Lake added classrooms and gym
- 1990
  - St. Augustine closed; all students attended Friess Lake
  - 14,000 sq. ft. addition to Friess Lake
- 1995 - Friess Lake expanded again
- 1997 - District name changed to Friess Lake School District



**Richfield Elementary School was organized in the 1860s. Among the many construction projects recorded in Richfield's long history are:**

- 1848 - Original log school built
- 1867 - Richfield School house constructed on the southwest corner of Holy Hill Road and the Fond du Lac Road (Yellowstone Trail)
- 1923 - The Hubertus Public School Number 4 was closed due to low enrollment and children were transported to Richfield
- 1936 - replacement of the entire 1867 schoolhouse, 8 additions since 1936
- 1997/98 School Year:
  - Library was updated and expanded computer lab was

- updated
- Art room and a gymnasium were built
- Old gymnasium was converted into a cafeteria and multipurpose room with a new stage.
- Storage closet was converted into use for computers
- Nine classrooms received new heating vents
- New fire alarm, a bell system and clocks were installed throughout the school.
- 2015/16
  - Science Suite
  - Special Education Suite
  - Office Addition
  - Additional Parking
  - Garage and Storage
- 2018: Library Media Center Remodel



**Plat School was organized in the 1850s. Among the many construction projects recorded in Plat's long history are:**

- 1850's - Plat Schoolhouse constructed to serve the towns of Merton and Erin as well as Richfield.
- 1963 - the boundaries were changed, putting Joint District Number 7 entirely in Washington County.
- 1929 - New two-room school erected.
  - Modern facilities - a large meeting room with a stage, a kitchen, furnace room and supply room downstairs. There was a cloakroom and library for each room upstairs plus inside plumbing.
- Late 1960's - Three classrooms added.
- 1974/75 - District voted to build the gymnasium; Gymnasium dedicated.
- 1980: Six classrooms added.
- 2018: Plat closed its doors for the last time



**RICHFIELD  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Inspiring Learners, Cultivating Leaders

**It wasn't until the late 1980s that the two districts would merge, forming the Richfield Joint School District No. 1**

- 1986 - Students from Plat School began attending Richfield because of declining enrollment at Plat.
- 1988 - Plat District dissolved.
- Attendance:
  - Plat - 4K - 2
  - RES - 3 - 8



**On July 1, 2018, the Friess Lake and Richfield School Districts consolidated.** Currently, 29 classrooms accommodate an enrollment of 550 students in grades 4K - 8 and Early Childhood. Just under 300 students are enrolled at Friess Lake Elementary School which serves grades 4K - 4, and approximately 250 students are enrolled in the middle school which serves grades 5 - 8. In addition to classroom teachers, specialist teachers in the areas of physical education, art, music (including band, orchestra, choir, and general music), and Spanish are on staff. Further, two reading specialists, a math specialist, two instructional coaches, two guidance counselors, five special education teachers, two speech teachers, two principals, a business manager, Director of Pupil Services, and district administrator are on staff to support student learning and growth.

The district views the relationship between home and school as a vital one. The Holy Hill Organization of Parents and Staff (HHOPS) is an active organization that supports students and teachers directly and indirectly through donations.

Students perform very well on standardized tests, and ranked "Exceeds" and "Significantly Exceeds Expectations" on the State Report Card.

