



2024-2025 Community Report

MISSION: Summit Schools empowers each student to exceed their academic, social, and emotional goals to ensure a lifetime of success and personal fulfillment.

VISION: Empowering individuals to succeed in the global community by fostering critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity both independently and collaboratively.



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By The Numbers



118
PreKindergarten-8th grade school students



10
Number of schools represented in Summit Summer Camps



163 Summer Camp students



Average financial aid package: \$2,325



138 Volunteers



23% Students receiving financial aid



59 Students who receive the State of Iowa's ESA (Education Savings Account)



\$57,276 average educator salary



54 Number of field trips



\$14,350 Investment



\$38,390.63 Fundraised



10:1 Student-teacher ratio

"We return year after year because of the small class sizes, the strong teacher-student relationships throughout the school, and the thoughtfully designed curriculum. Summit also prioritizes character development such as kindness, responsibility to self and others, and intentional inclusion. Summit's supportive community fosters a strong sense of confidence and belonging, making the school feel like a second home." - Rikka Burroughs



\$1,676,493.09

Connected to the Community



Socktober collected 1,786 items, including 1,535 pairs of socks, 116 winter hats, 106 light gloves/mittens, and 29 heavy-lined gloves for Four Oaks.



\$1,583,224.25

The Giving Tree gently-used toy drive collected over 300 toys for YPN (Young Parents Network).



Pod 3 students promoted the importance of adopting shelter animals in their Project-Based Learning Unit.

“Our two kids love going to school. Seeing them excited to learn every day is the best feeling as a parent. We’re so grateful to be part of this incredible community!” - Curtis Hames

4th graders raised over \$300 for the Cedar Valley Humane Society in their annual lemonade fundraiser.

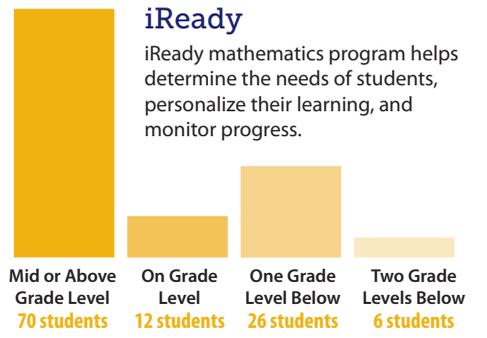


FastBridge

FastBridge Assessments is a tool for assessing student reading skills multiple times during the school year.

% MEETING BENCHMARK: BUILDING K-6

Fall 2023/24	Winter 2023/24	Spring 2023/24	Fall 2024/25	Winter 2024/25	Spring 2024/25
74%	69%	77%	75%	78%	84%



Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) Achievement at or above grade level in grades 3-8

English Language Arts (ELA) 85%

Science 84%

Math 79%

Summit Support

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