

Century Elementary is one of five elementary schools located in the rapidly growing city of Nixa, Missouri. Century was built in 2000 and opened its doors with the motto, “Educating Children Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.” Built on century-old farmland, the old McCauley family farmhouse still stands a short distance from the school demonstrating that we value tradition and strong community ties. The Century name, however, embraces our vision of innovative teaching and outstanding student achievement.

Nixa takes great pride in their collaborative efforts of the school and community. Our district theme, “Strong Schools...Strong Community” is echoed through the halls of Century and many local businesses. To continue the strength of tradition in a progressive era, Nixa voters have never failed to support our bond and levy issues.

As you pass through the doors of Century Elementary, our aspiring theme “Stars of Tomorrow” is displayed proudly throughout the building. High expectations are routinely visible in our school through application of student-centered teaching strategies and research-based instruction. While admiring student work samples displayed on the walls of classrooms and hallways, it is evident that student success is our top priority and main focus at Century Elementary. Our scores on the MAP (Missouri Assessment Program) confirm that curriculum, instruction and assessment are carefully aligned with Missouri Grade Level Expectations. In addition to academic excellence, Century promotes the importance of health and wellness by emphasizing the significance of physical activity and healthy eating habits as a holistic learning experience.

When Century doors opened (2000) approximate enrollment was 350 students. In 2006, our enrollment reached its highest at 604 students. To continue focus on student success, Nixa R-2 district opened its fifth elementary school reducing class sizes in order to continue the legacy of student-centered instruction. Century is currently home to five sections of Kindergarten and four sections of first through fourth grade with a total of 456 students and 46 staff members. Enrichment and special needs teachers collaboratively support classroom teachers to meet and enhance curriculum objectives.

Keeping with tradition of meeting the needs of diverse learners, Century started with minimal technologies and has expanded opportunities with two eMINTS classrooms. SMARTboards and/or projectors are in all classrooms including special education and enrichment. Century continues to look forward at technological tools that will prepare students as productive citizens of a progressive society.

At Century Elementary School staff, parents and community are partners in learning. Our mission was built upon the collaborative efforts of these learning partners. Century is a school where tradition stands strong and students’ are empowered to meet the challenges of tomorrow and achieve individual aspirations.