



## From Preschool to Post Graduate

### Preschool

Every child has different needs and parents have numerous preschool choices in the area. In addition to a program offered by Scottsbluff and Gering public schools, the YMCA, Community Christian School, several churches, and independent schools offer quality preschool programs for our youngest learners.

### Public Schools

- Five elementary K-5 schools (Scottsbluff)
- Three elementary K-5 schools (Gering)
- One middle school (Scottsbluff)
- One junior high (Gering)
- Two high schools (one each in Gering and Scottsbluff)
- AA accredited by the North Central Accreditation Association
- 3,300 students (Scottsbluff school district 2023-2024 school year)
- 2,004 students (Gering school district 2023-2024 school year)

Students at both schools can take advantage of on-campus and distance college credit courses offered by Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff. Advanced Placement (AP), accelerated, and college level classes are a strong part of the curriculum, and both school districts have successful high ability learner programs.

Extra curricular activities abound in the schools with a tradition of exceptionally strong vocal and instrumental music departments; speech/debate programs; and business, marketing and journalism departments. Academic trips, both nationwide and abroad, are readily available and popular with students.

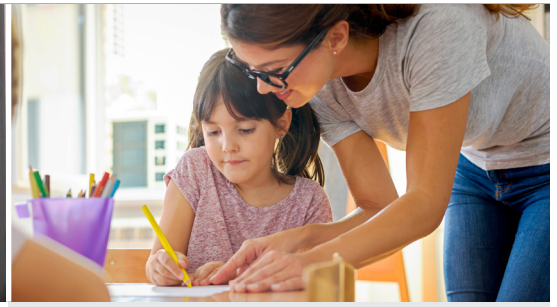
Educational Service Unit #13 has partnered with 21 panhandle schools, including Scottsbluff and Gering, to establish a distance learning system. Schools are connected via interactive video conferencing equipment to deliver and receive high school courses, as well as virtual field trips for students and professional development programs for educators.

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Lifelong learning is a community priority in the Scottsbluff-Gering area. Formal educational opportunities begin with a number of preschool programs in the area and culminate with doctoral programs offered through distance learning.





Both Scottsbluff and Gering Public Schools offer complete programs for students with developmental disabilities. The districts also contract for student services with Educational Service Unit #13, the Office of Human Development, and the Panhandle Mental Health Center.

### Private/Home School options

- St. Agnes Catholic Church: Kindergarten through fifth grade
- Valley View Seventh Day Adventist Church Christian School: Fourth through seventh grade
- Community Christian School: Preschool through sixth grade
- The Western Nebraska Home Educators Network is a voluntary network that exists to support homeschooling families in western Nebraska and eastern Wyoming with educational opportunities and support group activities that enhance their homeschool experience

### Post-Secondary Education

**Western Nebraska Community College** (WNCC) is located in Scottsbluff, with centers in Alliance and Sidney.

- Serves approximately 680 full-time and 1,230 part-time students (Sept. 2022)
- Provides distance learning degree programs and through web-based delivery to offsite learners

Located 100 miles north of Scottsbluff, **Chadron State College** provides bachelor, master, and PhD level degree programs through both on-campus offerings in Chadron and distance learning programs in Scottsbluff. Distance learning courses are offered by interactive television, correspondence, and online.

The **University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing** offers bachelor, master, and PhD level nursing programs at the Scottsbluff campus.

Located in Gering, **Summit Christian College** is a private, four-year Christian college offering associate and bachelor's degrees.

### For More Information

**Scottsbluff Public Schools**  
sbps.net

**Gering Public Schools**  
geringschools.net

**Community Christian School**  
ccsneb.com

**YMCA Preschool**  
ymcaofscottsbluff.org

**Educational Service Unit #13**  
esu13.org

**St. Agnes Catholic School**  
st-agnes-school.org

**Valley View Seventh Day Adventist Christian School**  
valleyviewschoolne.  
adventistschoolconnect.org

**Western Nebraska Community College**  
wncc.edu

**Chadron State College**  
csc.edu

**Summit Christian College**  
summitcc.net

**Nebraska Homeschool**  
nebraskahomeschool.org