SANTEE HISTORY

➤ Santee Sioux Reservation was established in 1866

➤ The Boundaries of the Santee Reservation became officially established in 1869

- Rectangular tract of land 12 miles from east to west, and approximately 15 miles north to south
- Encompassing about 115,076 acres of land
VILLAGE OF SANTEE

- Incorporated on February 18, 1974
- Has the distinction of being both one of Nebraska’s oldest and newest towns
- Current population is approximately 380
SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Approximately 13 square miles
  - The Reservation is 180 square miles
- Class D-2 school
- Located in the Village of Santee
SANTEE NORMAL SCHOOL

- Founded in 1870 by Reverend Alfred Langley Riggs, D.D.
- Located at the present site of the clinic in Santee Village
- Riggs believed that instruction should take place in the Dakota language
- Government agents were strongly opposed to the use of the Dakota language
- Government did give aid in the form of food rations and subsidized the tuition payments of the students
SANTEE NORMAL SCHOOL

➔ By 1885, the school had increased to 18 buildings on 480 acres
➔ Government aid to the school was stopped altogether in 1893
➔ The school remained open until 1933
A Class I K-8 Rural Elementary School operated in the community from 1939-1975.

Community wanted a educational facility that reflected their values.

In 1976 the present school opened serving Kindergarten through 8th grade.

The 9th through 12 grade were added in 1977.
HISTORY OF SANTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

In 2006, an addition consisting of 6 classrooms, offices, and a gymnasium, opened for use.