

## ACHIEVEMENT

*Reach for the sky*



Mandan offers top-notch public education with six elementary schools (K-5), a middle school (6-8), high school (9-12), and an alternative high school with about 3,740 students district wide. Plus, there are two parochial schools.

Mandan schools foster and celebrate academic and extracurricular achievement. ACT

scores are above state and national averages. Mandan students also consistently score above average in state assessments for math and reading proficiency.

With more than 40 athletic, music and fine arts activities, Mandan schools provide an excellent place for students to learn, grow and excel.

**TOP 5 REASONS TO MAKE MANDAN YOUR HOMETOWN ACCORDING TO ITS RESIDENTS**

1. The people
2. Small town atmosphere
3. Proximity to shopping & services
4. Schools
5. Safe community



## A smart investment

Mandan property values remain strong, making Mandan real estate a great investment. The Bismarck-Mandan Board of Realtors reports the average sales price for a Mandan home in 2016 is about \$230,000. This is up considerably from \$157,000 in 2010. The average value of new homes permitted for construction in 2016 is \$218,000.

**NEW HOME EXEMPTION.** Mandan offers a property tax exemption for newly constructed homes on the first \$75,000 in value for two years.

**PROPERTY TAXES.** City leaders are managing community growth while holding the line on budgets to reduce taxes. Property taxes are based on the true and full value of a home. Mandan's property taxes rank as fifth lowest among North Dakota's 12 largest cities.

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.** Mandan and many North Dakota cities use special assessments to finance public improvements. A special assessment is a lien against a property determined by the cost of the improvement and the benefit it provides to the property. Special assessments may be used to pay for street paving and reconstruction, water and sewer mains, sidewalks, curb and gutter, and storm and sanitary sewers.

You may check the balance owed and annual payment for any special assessments on a property by contacting the City Finance Department, phone 667-3271, or by using the property look-up tool at [www.cityofmandan.com](http://www.cityofmandan.com).

Property owners may pay off the full amount of a special assessment balance at the time of purchase or in the future. Consult with your lender and real estate agent about options. Factors to weigh include interest rates and borrowing ability.

### WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION

[cityofmandan.com](http://cityofmandan.com)  
[mandanparks.com](http://mandanparks.com)  
[mandan.k12.nd.us](http://mandan.k12.nd.us)

# A GREAT LIFE

## MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA



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## WELCOMING NEW NEIGHBORS



## COMMUNITY

*Where neighbors are friends*

The name Mandan is derived from the Dakota Indian word “Mantani” or “people on the bank,” descriptive of the Mandan Indian villages along the Missouri River. Just as the Mandan were friendly to early explorers, so is the community of Mandan. Residents name Mandan’s top strength as its hometown atmosphere or sense of connectedness.



## OPPORTUNITY

*Good living*

Nestled in the valleys of the Missouri and Heart rivers, Mandan is a smart and beautiful location for your home or business. Whether you’re looking to buy or build, choices include hilltop views,

historic structures in downtown Mandan, young neighborhoods around schools, and prestigious waterfront and wooded lots. Affordable senior and family housing choices are available, too, along with assisted care options. You may also find more home for your dollar in Mandan. Community-sponsored programs aimed at assisting businesses are available to kick-start your dream of creating a life in Mandan.

## GREAT THINGS... FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE



## FUN

*Things to do*

Mandan is the place “Where the West Begins” and the fun never ends. A strong tradition of community events, plentiful indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, and exciting historic tourist attractions combine to offer residents widespread adventure.

**FESTIVALS.** Mandan bursts with pride when hosting festivals that draw thousands of visitors annually. Events include Touch-A-Truck, Buggies-n-Blues, Mandan Rodeo Days with Art in the Park and an Independence Day Parade, Wild West Grill Fest, Slide the City, Oktober Fest, and Santa’s Arrival.

**ATTRACTIONS.** Enjoy the Missouri River, Fort Lincoln State Park, Harmon Lake, Raging Rivers Water Park, Huff Hills Ski Area, Dacotah Speedway, outdoor summer concerts, and the N.D. Railroad Museum.



**RECREATION FACILITIES.** Mandan’s park and recreational system includes:

- 9-hole and 18-hole golf courses
- 30+ miles of walking and bike trails
- baseball and softball fields
- soccer complex
- tennis courts
- indoor Olympic swimming pool
- outdoor water park
- outdoor rodeo arena
- skateboard park
- disc golf
- dog park
- 7 neighborhood parks, including a universal playground.



Opening in 2017, the Starion Sports Complex will be home to Mandan hockey, gymnastics, football and track and field activities. The All Seasons Arena will be renovated to include three courts to meet indoor recreational needs. Additionally, Family Wellness offers fitness studios, a gymnasium, a walking track, workout equipment and other services.

