

Carlson School District No. 76



Address: Meeker County Fairgrounds, 1230 N. Armstrong Ave., Litchfield, MN.

The one-room schoolhouse is a step back in time and a perfect example of what school was like 100 years ago. The Carlson School was built in 1887 and was originally located on the northwest corner of Hwy. 12 and CSAH 31 going west towards Grove City. The cost to build the school was \$285.85 for materials and \$300.00 for construction. The school officially closed its doors in 1958.

Warren McClay spearheaded the project to move and restore the school. Restoration of the school to its original condition began in 1997 after it was moved to the Meeker County Fairgrounds. Various service organizations and local lumberyards made the move and restoration possible with their donations.



Modern children experience the classroom as the local predecessors did every summer during the Meeker County Fair in August. The school was originally heated with wood (woodstove on display) and used kerosene lamps (on display). Visitors get to touch and feel a part of history that is brought back to life with an acting schoolteacher who engages the visiting children in various activities.

Come to Carlson School District No. 76 this summer and ring the school's bell and experience history.