

# TEACHER TURN THE KEY



**NATALIE RESCH**  
PIPESTONE AREA MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

## OVERVIEW

Each year, the Pipestone agriculture department teaches approximately 300 students through a variety of courses covering numerous areas of interest for 6th through 12th grade students. These classes cover all the career pathways. Knowing the backgrounds of our students, the ag program offers classes ranging from the introductory level exploring agriculture I and II to ninth grade students covering all agriculture career pathways to advanced level options such as Agronomy. A key component to the program is the middle school exploratory classes in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade that ignites their interest in agriculture. The Pipestone Ag Program offers 25 different course offerings.

Natalie's teaching philosophy focuses on building students into responsible and contributing citizens of their communities. She believes that this can be accomplished by guiding students to become lifelong learners. She stresses the importance of self advocacy, responsibility, research and creative thinking as she considers those skills the most critical for developing a passion for learning and easily transferable to any career. Natalie also has learned that teaching is a work of art, not a science, its about relating the content to the class and showing them how to apply it to their everyday lives.

*I have consistently been impressed by Ms. Resch's unwavering commitment to fostering the next generation of agricultural leaders. She goes above and beyond to create a dynamic and engaging learning environment where students are not only taught the principles of agriculture, but they walk away with a deep appreciation for the significance of agriculture in our society.*

*~Sonja Ortman, MS/HS Principal*

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