

Office of Educator Certification

Native American Lakota, Dakota, Nakota

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Recommendation for Certification

Part 1 – To be completed by the applicant. Complete Part 1 and send this form to the education certifying officer for completion of Part 2. The education certifying officer contact information is listed on page 2.		
Last four Digits of SSN:		Telephone Number:
Last Name:	First Name:	Maiden/Previous Last Name:
Email Address:		
Part 2 – To be completed by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education offering a teacher education program in Lakota Studies or an authorized individual from the organization approved by the SD tribal government and the Department. Complete this section and email to certification@state.sd.us		

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I hereby recommend the applicant named in Part 1 for licensure to teach Lakota, Dakota, or Nakota oral and written language and culture to grades kindergarten through 12 by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education offering a teacher education program in Lakota studies or an organization approved by a tribal government in South Dakota and the Department.

Proficiency Statement

I certify that the applicant named in Part 1 has demonstrated proficiency in Lakota, Dakota, or Nakota oral and written language and culture with recognition from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education offering a teacher education program in Lakota studies or an organization approved by both a tribal government in South Dakota and the Department.

Also, the individual has successfully completed a three-semester-hour methodology course directly related to teaching Lakota, Dakota, Nakota language from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education.

Printed Name of Authorized Official:		Print Title of Authorized Official:	
Organization:			
Email Address:		Telephone Number:	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Signature of Authorized Official:			Date:

Organization approved by a tribal government in South Dakota and the Department

**Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation
Lakota Language Initiative – “4-Years-To-Fluency”**

Contact Person: Tatewin Means and Dallas Nelson
Phone: 605-455-2700
Email: Tatewin@thundervalley.org
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Dakotah Language Institute

Contact Person: Jeremy Red Eagle
Phone: 605.698.2030
Email: JeremyR@swc-nns.gov

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

601 W Broad AVE
Flandreau, SD 57028
**Project Director – Dakota
(Wakpa Ipaksan Kakodiapi) Language:** Dustin Beaulieu
Phone: 605.997.3891
Email: dustin.beaulieu@FSST.org

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

Contact Person: Harold Frazier, Chairman
PO Box 590
Eagle Butte, SD 57625
Phone: 605.964.4155

Regionally-accredited institutions of higher education offering a teacher education program in Lakota studies

Sisseton/Wahpeton Community College

PO Box 689
Sisseton, SD 57262
Certifying Officer/Education: Dr. Francis Arpan
Phone: 605.742.1117
Fax: 605.698.3132
Email: farpan@swcollege.edu

Oglala Lakota College

PO Box 490
Kyle, SD 57752-0490
Certifying Officer/Education: Shannon Amiotte
Phone: 605.455.6000
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Sinte Gleska University

PO Box 8
Mission, SD 57555
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Phone: 605.856.8117
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Sitting Bull College

1341 92nd St
Fort Yates, ND 58538
Certifying Officer/Education: Laurel Vermillion
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